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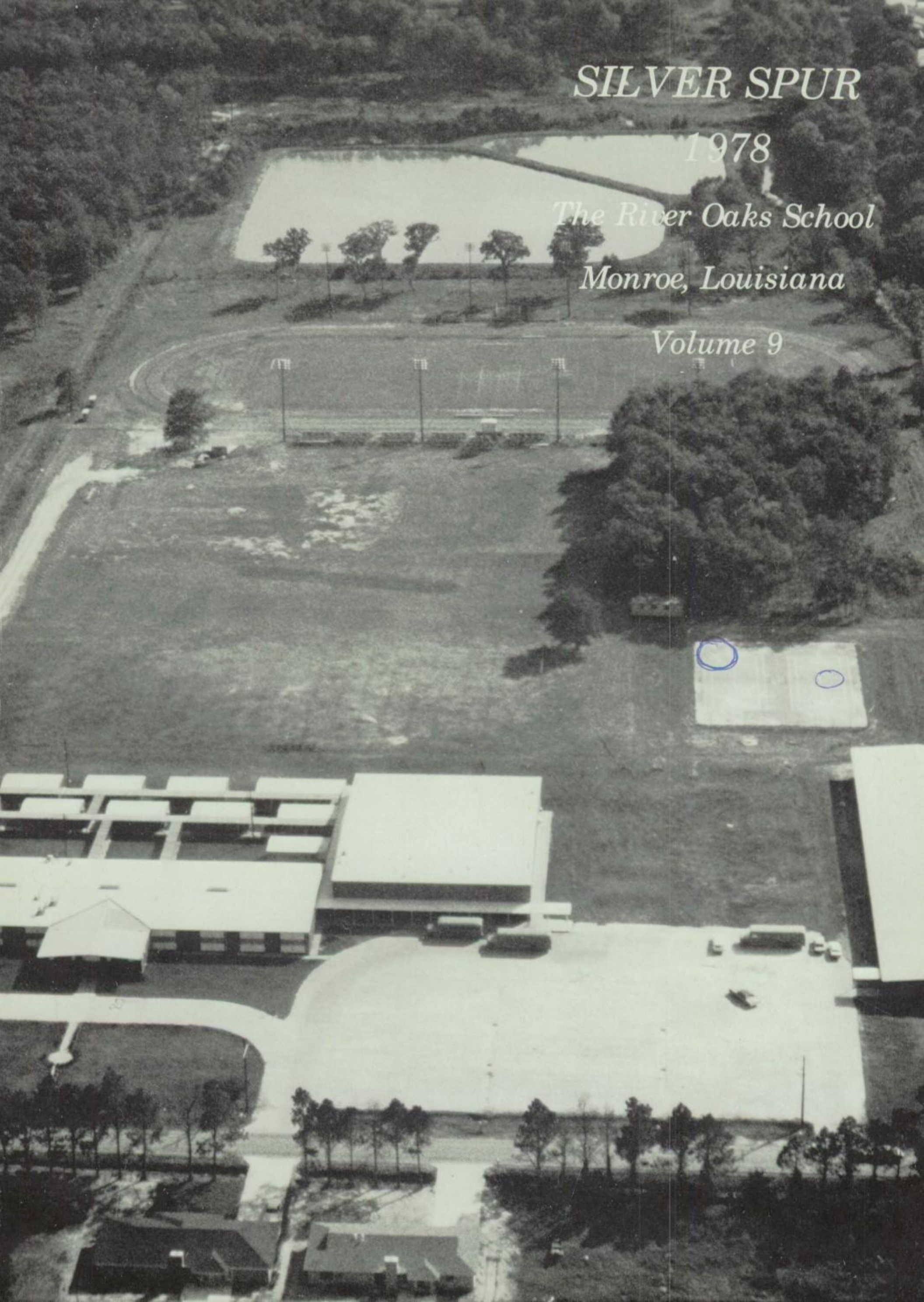

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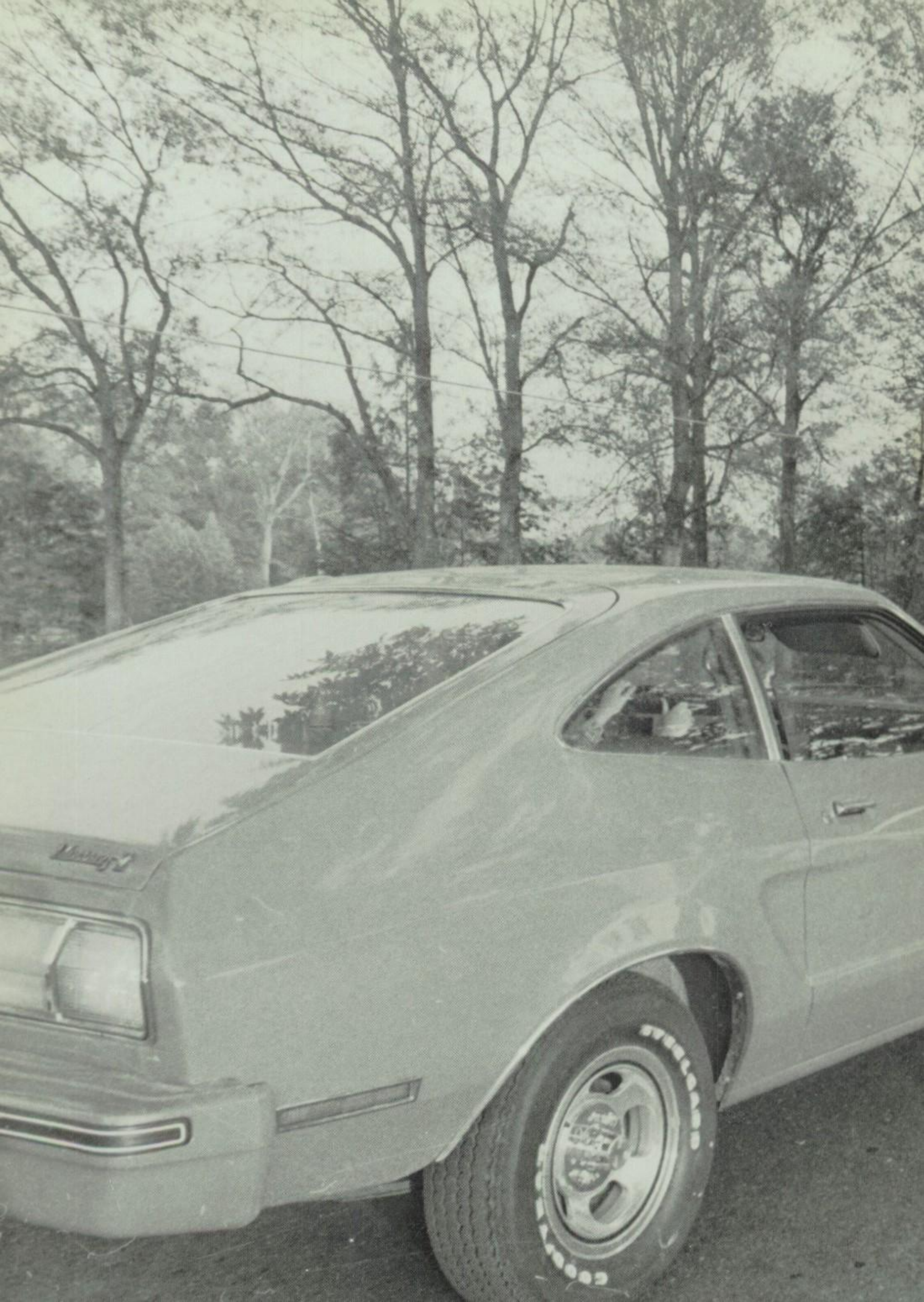

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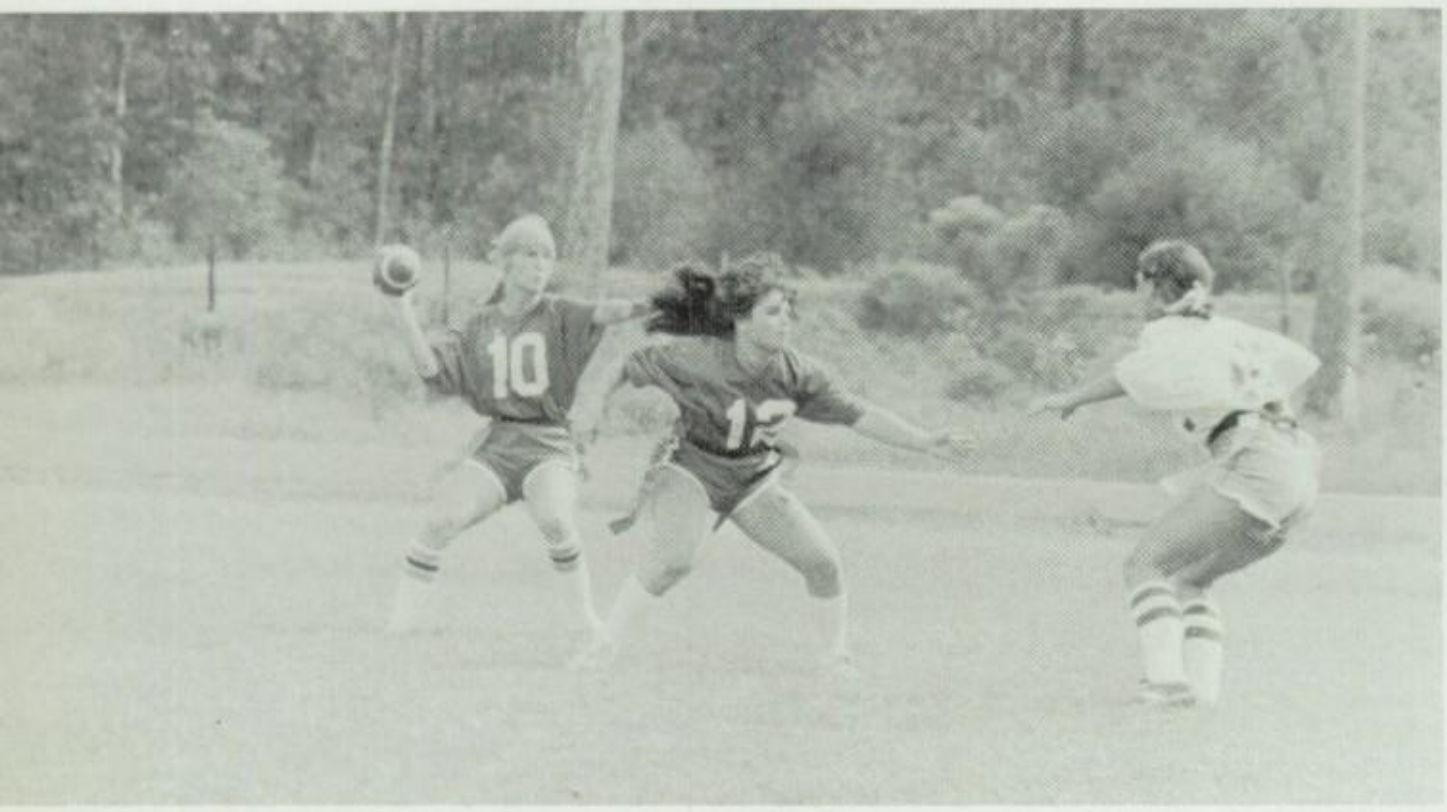

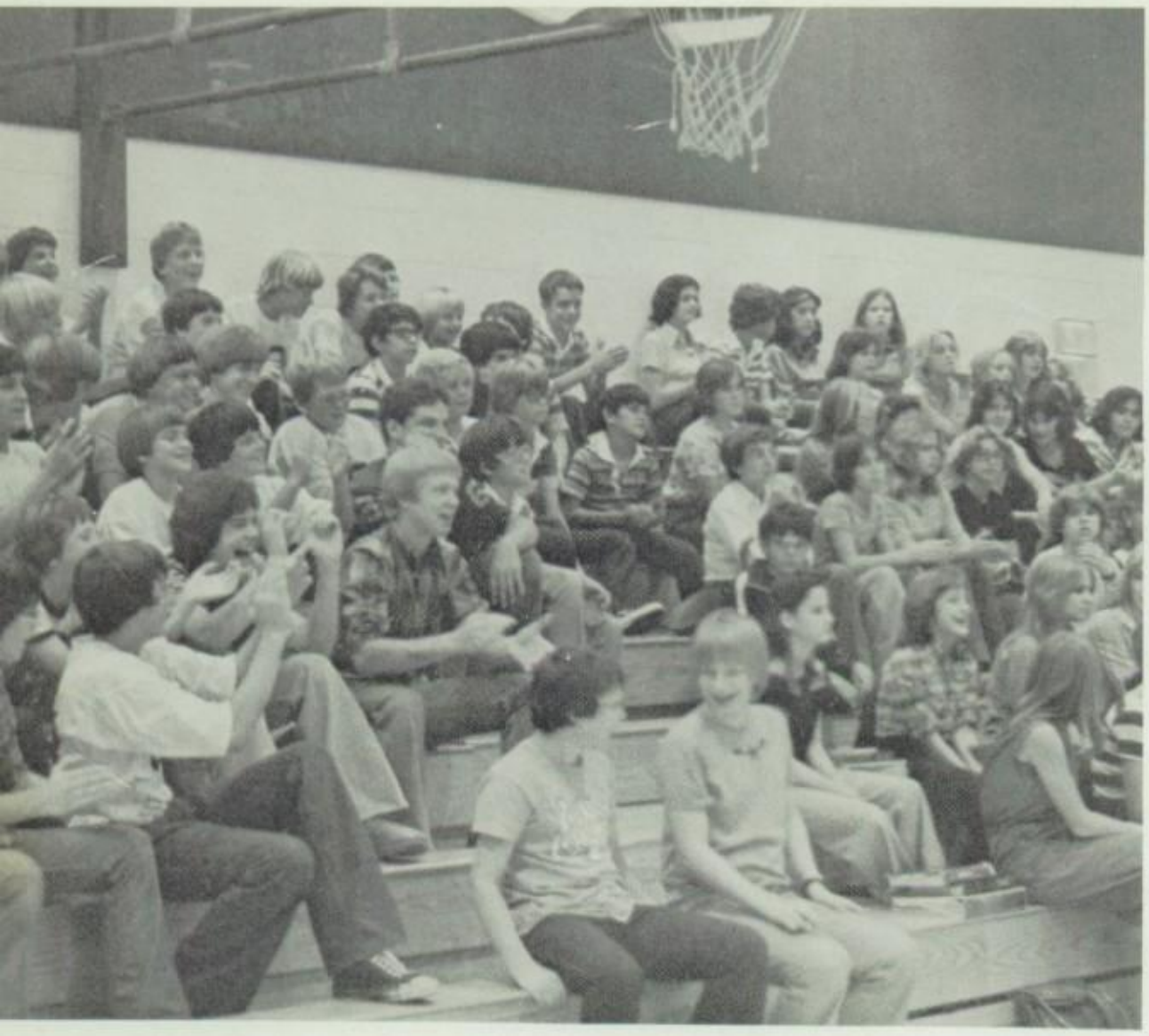

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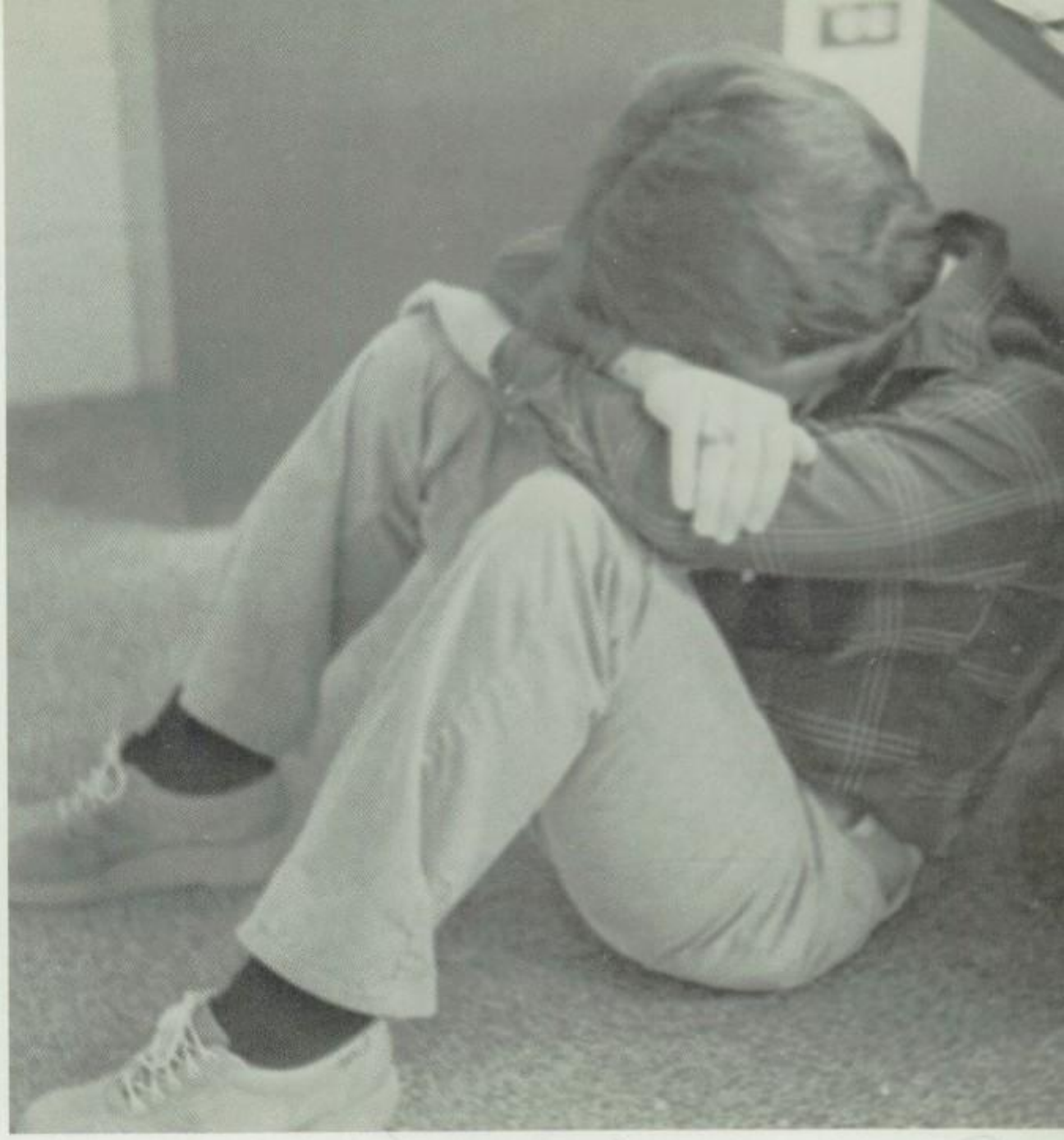

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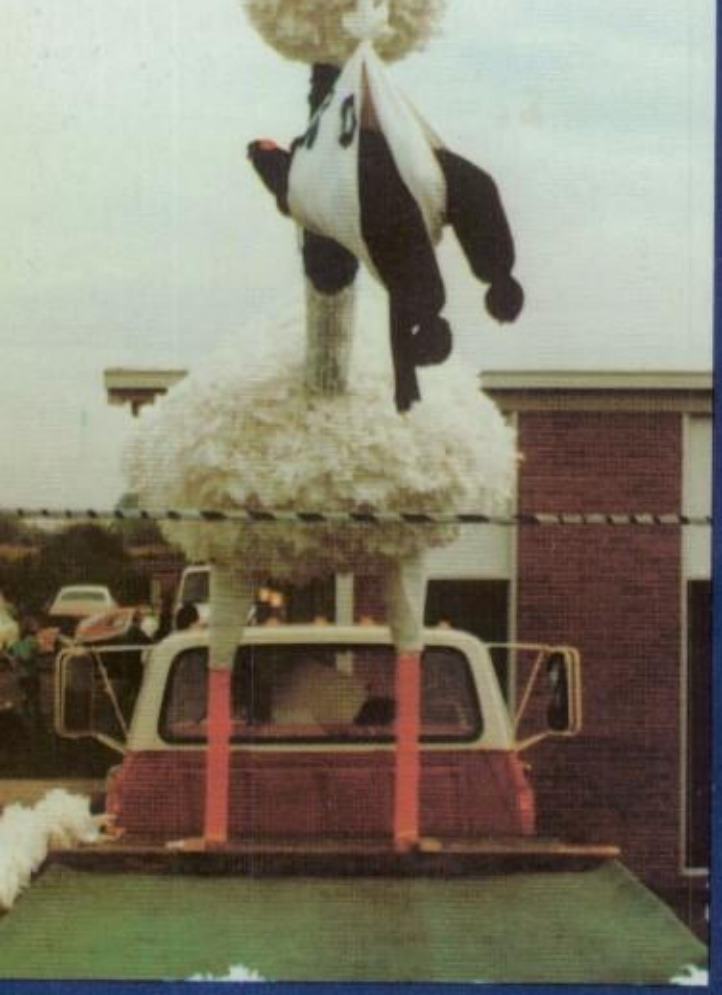

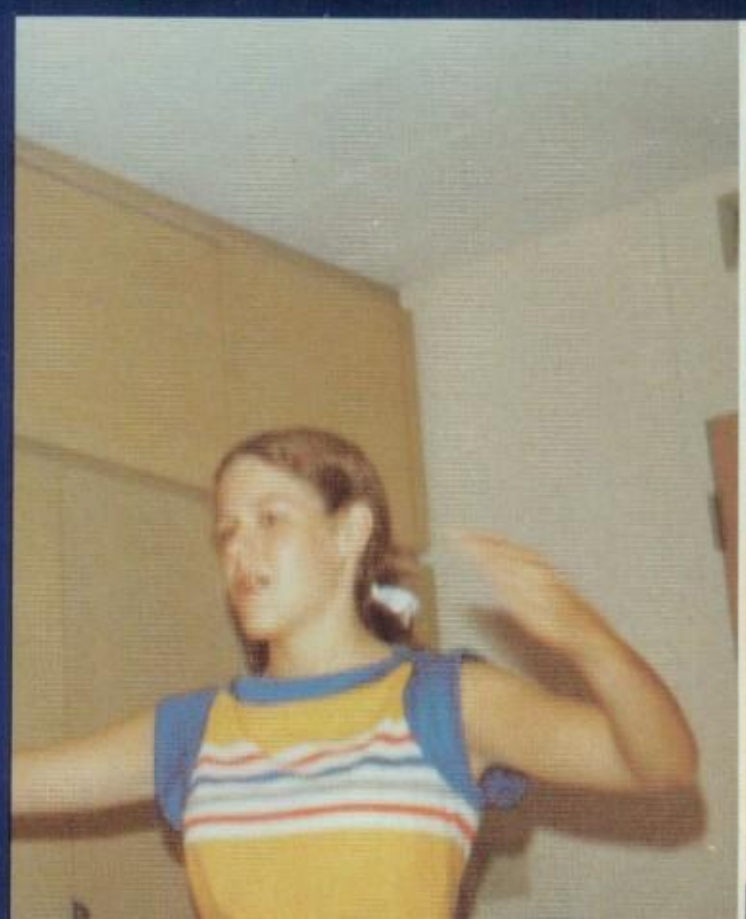

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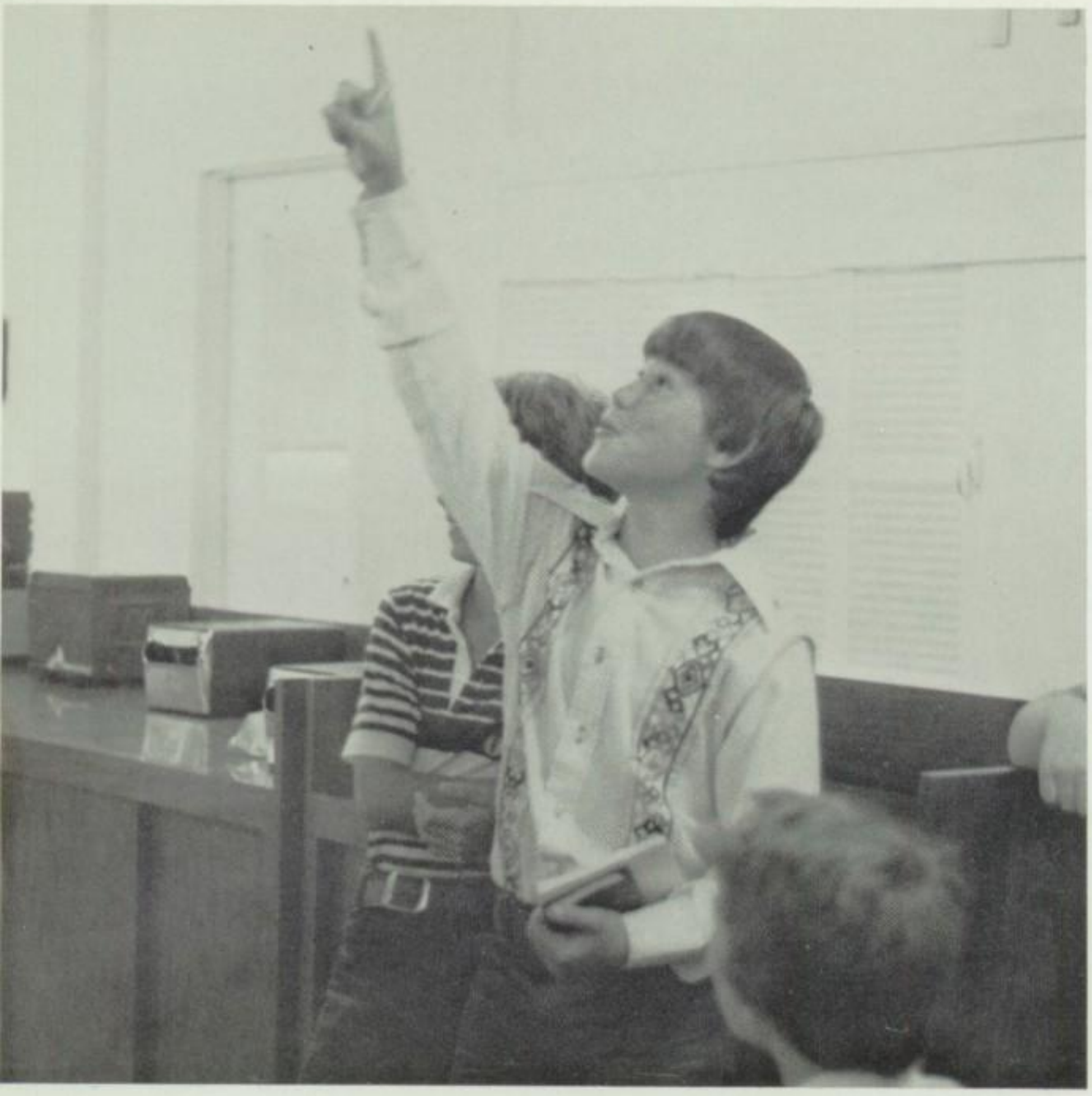

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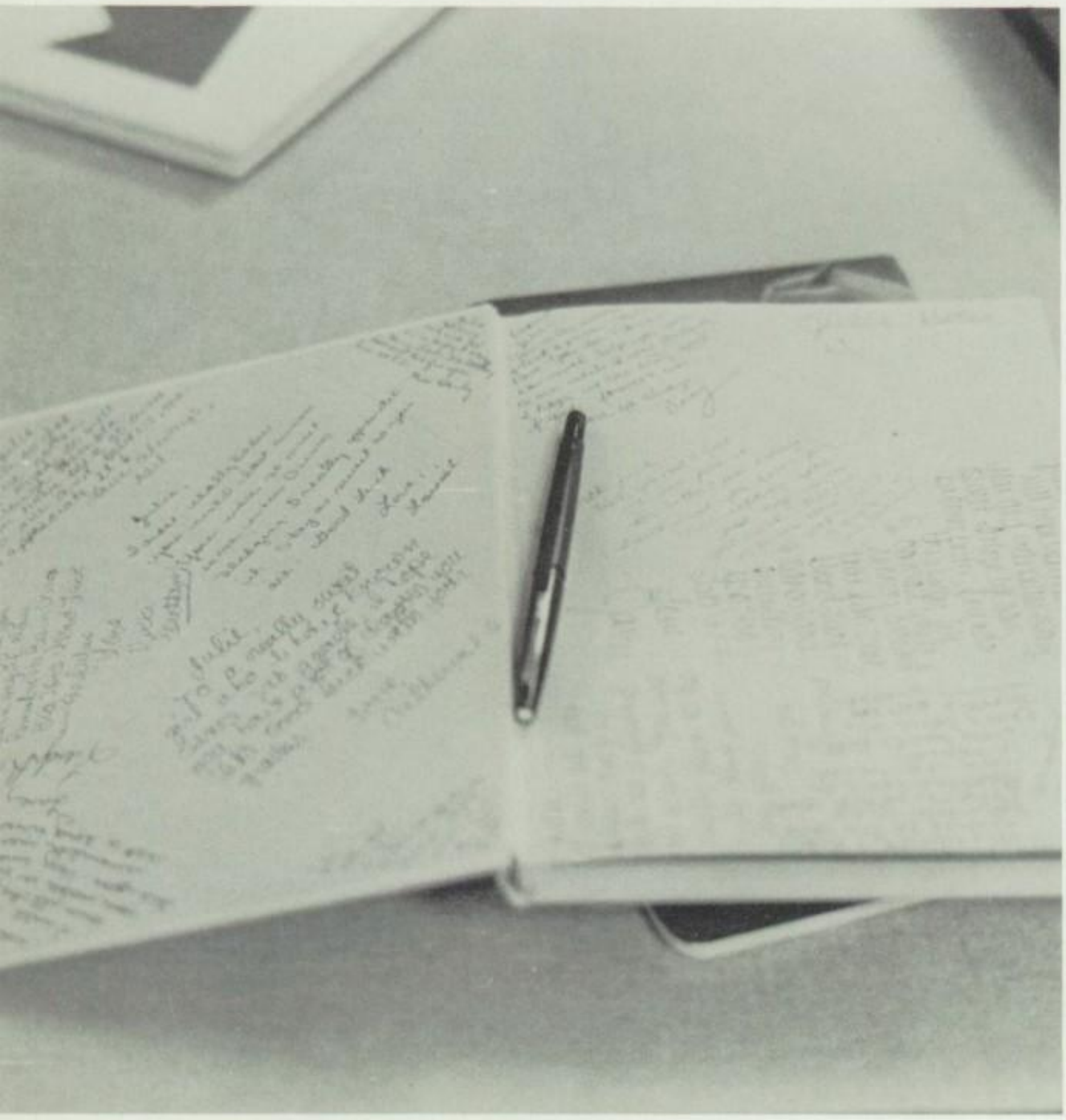

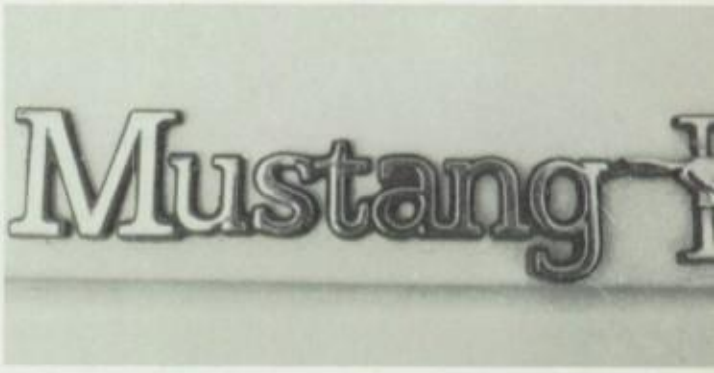
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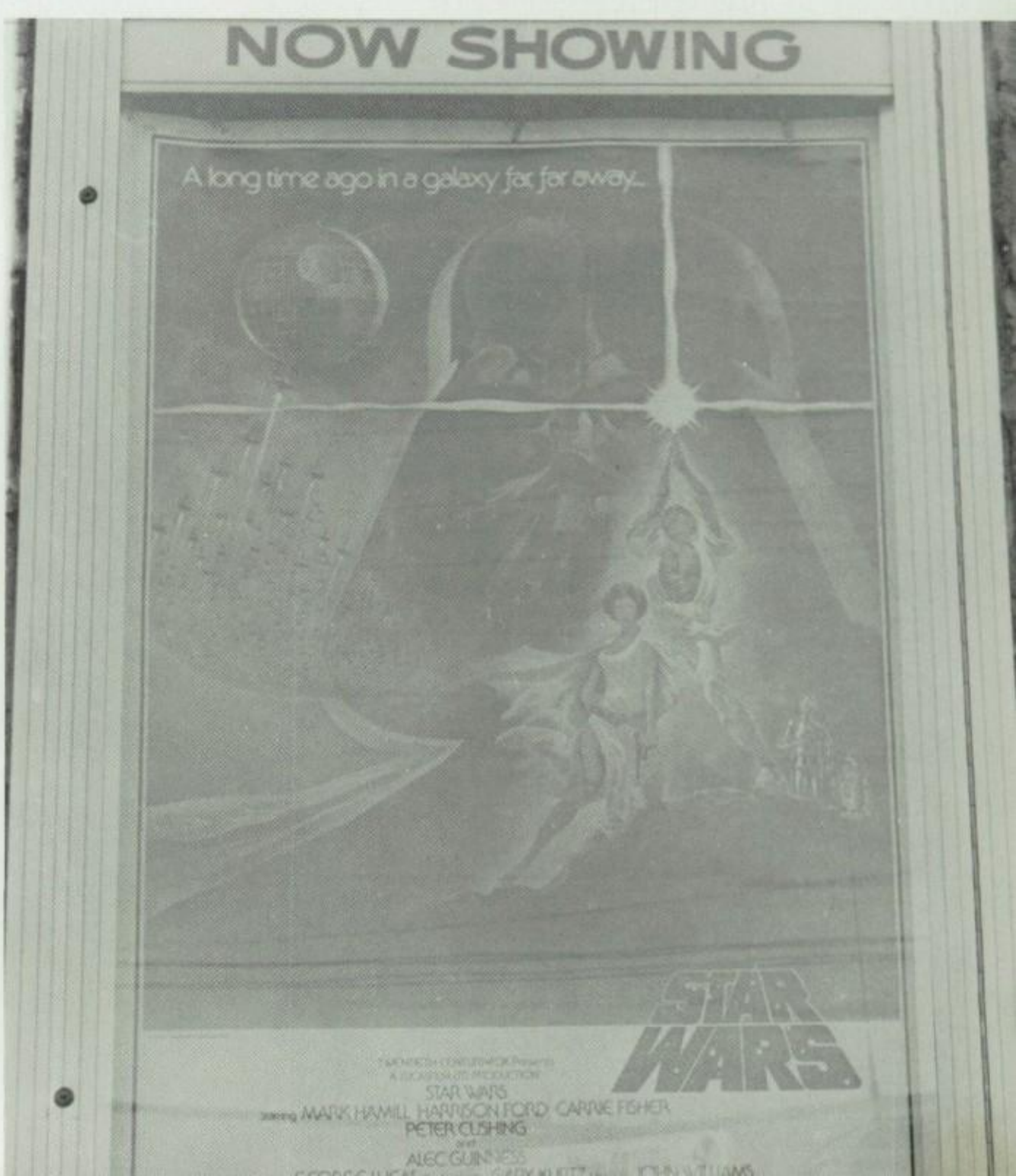
'Star Wars', Crimped Hair, Energy

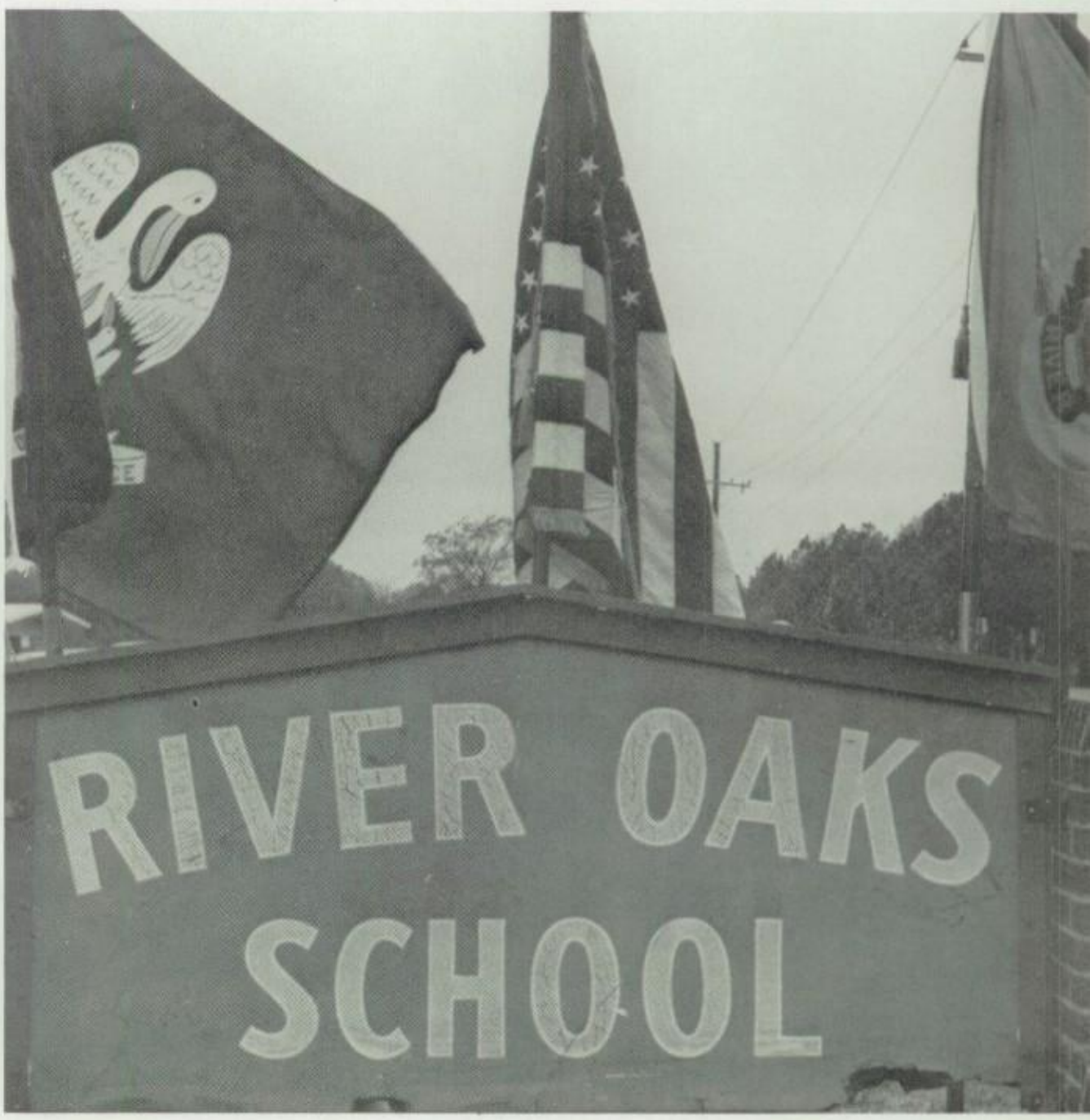


Conservation Headline the Year

STAR WARS, the spectacular movie rage of 1977, spawned a whole new line of products: everything from posters to bold metallic clothing. Shawls, longer skirts, and all types of boots dominated the fashions, while crimped hair was also introduced to the scene. Mud hogging, enjoyed by many of the students, became a favorite pastime. The Ark-La-Miss and the Ouachita Valley Free Fairs both were held in the Twin Cities in early October, and, despite the gambling controversy over carnival games, the public turnout was good. Singer/ Composer Rick Nelson appeared at the Monroe fair, where he taped a concert for national television. In the music world, rock star Elvis Presley died; his death caused the production of much memorabilia. Also, President Jimmy Carter constantly stressed energy conservation on the national level, causing the school to lower the thermostat settings. Pop Rocks, the new candy fad, appeared in all RO classrooms.

1977-78 Brings Many New

Many new additions were supplemented to the school this year. A track and a baseball field, both recently constructed, were projects of the Booster Club. Many donations of money and labor made the two facilities possible. Also newly acquired was a darkroom, in which yearbook pictures were processed. Proceeds from the sale of advertisements in the SILVER SPUR went to the purchase of darkroom equipment. The mascot horse, owned by Fred Hunefeld, made his debut at the season's home games. Other new additions included a clock placed in the cafetorium by the Class of '77 and flag standards donated by Mr. Robert Tirmenstein.



Changes to River Oaks' Campus

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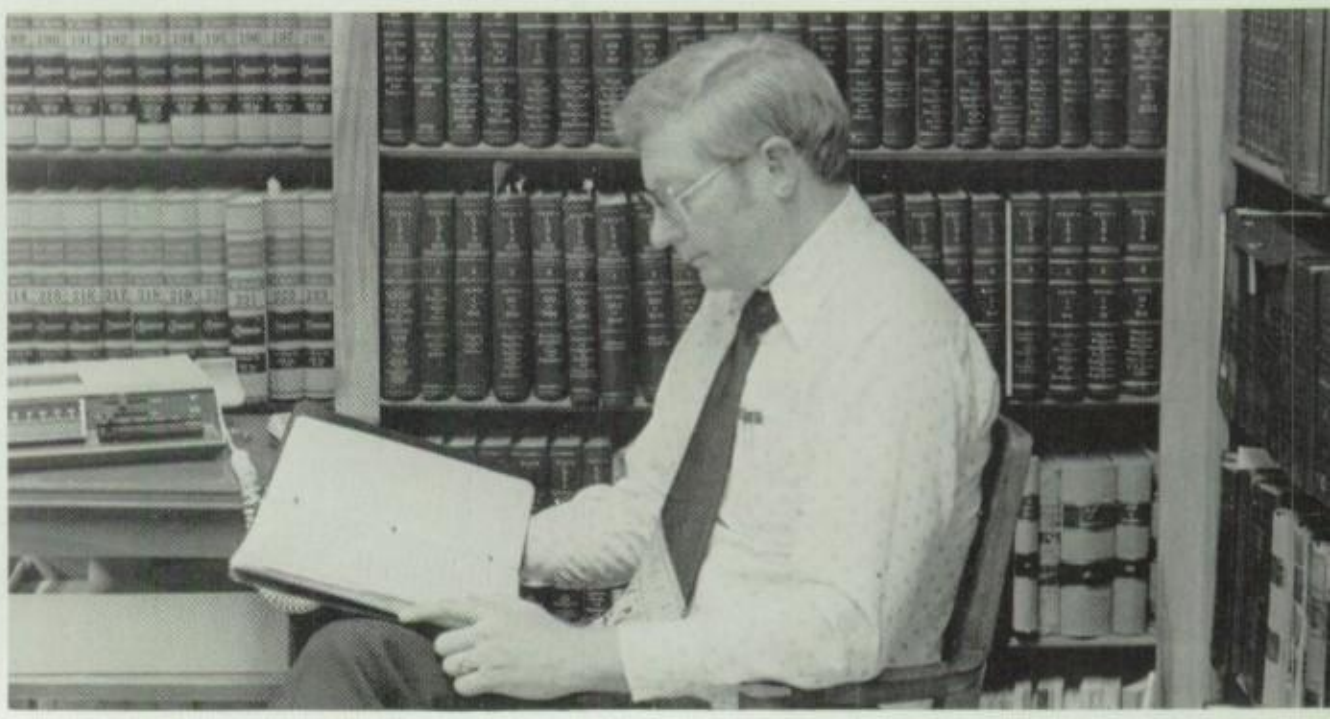
PEOPLE



Board Furthers School's Progress

Characteristically, River Oaks School experienced another progressive year under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Monroe Educational Foundation. Working diligently to maintain school policy, the Board made many decisions to further the school's success.

At the beginning of the year, the Board helped with the baseball field. An open house for kindergarten students to tour the elementary building, plans for paving the area between the elementary building and the gym, teacher pay increases, and enrollment stockholder reports were all considerations of the Board.

Board officers were William Buller, President; Jack Files, vice-president; Lovell Hayden, secretary; and Aylmer Montgomery, treasurer. Other members included Mrs. D. Ryan Sartor, Louis Smith, Don Stinson, Robert L. Tirmenstein, John Watzek, Walter Pierron, Mrs. Peter Illing, Mrs. M.A. Loftin. Leaving the board after many years of service are Mrs. Loflin, Mr. Stinson, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tirmenstein.

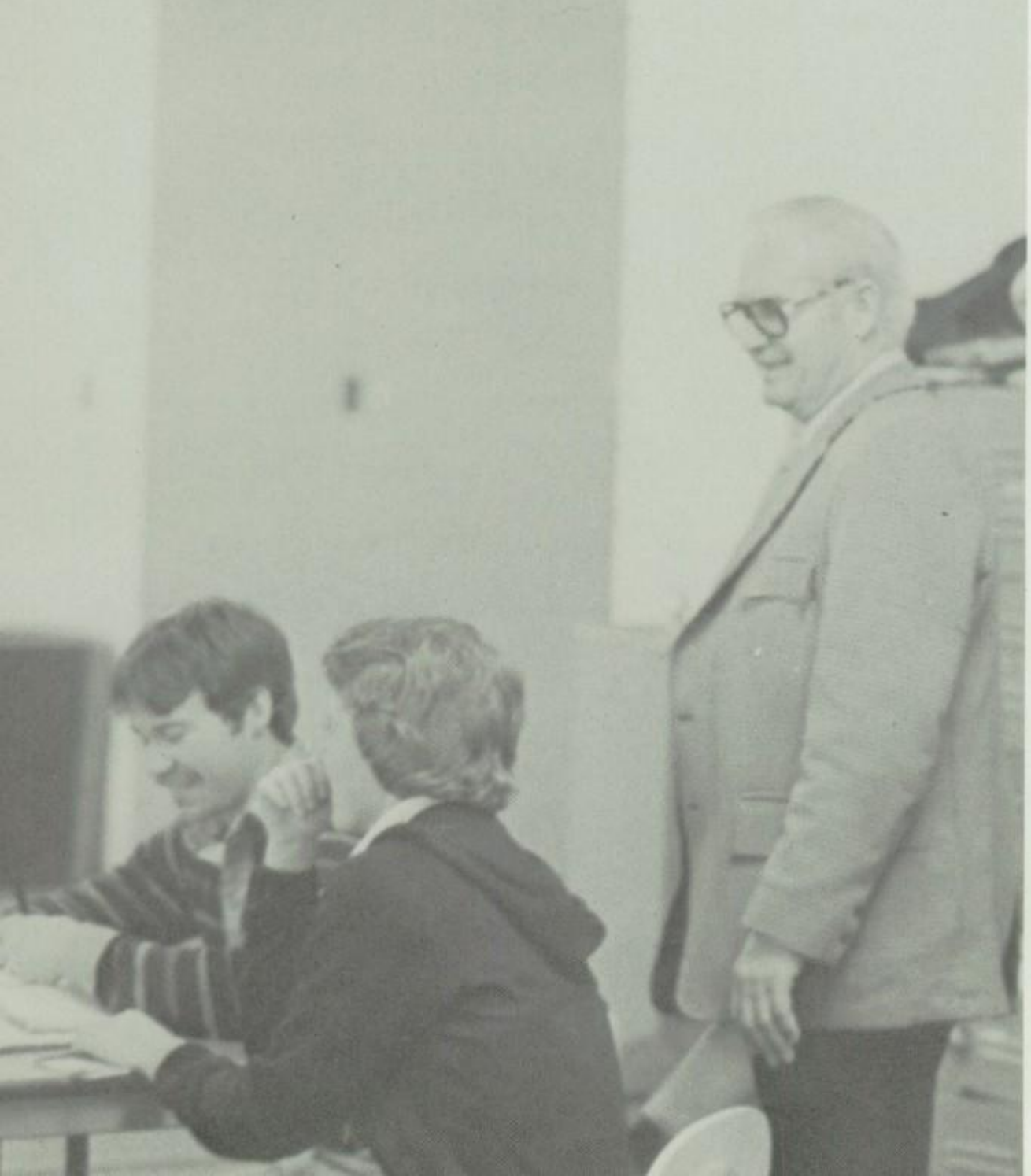
Opposite page — top left: Mr. Aylmer Montgomery and Mrs. Peter Illing. Top right: Mr. Louis D. Smith. Lower top left: Mr. Lovell Hayden. Middle right: Mr. John Watzek. Middle left: Mrs. Peter Illing. Bottom left: Mrs. M.A. Loflin. Bottom right: Mr. Jack Files.
This page — top: Mr. Walter Pierron. Middle left: Mr. Don Stinson. Middle right: Mr. D.R. Sartor. Bottom left: President William Buller. Bottom left: Mr. Robert Tirmensteim.

Hammock, McMakin, the Dynamic Duo

Mr. Billy Hammock, known in the past to River Oaks' students as assistant principal, advanced this year to the position of school director. He had witnessed the formation of a track, a baseball field, an elementary building, and several school clubs; therefore, he was quite familiar with River Oaks and was not a newcomer to his recently-acquired position.

Initiated into the job of assistant director was Mr. Joe McMakin. He ardently believed the adage, "Spare the rod, spoil the child," and thus, punished all incorrigibles with one of his splintered paddles. (This became very confusing because although some believed Mr. Hammock's initials B.J. stood for "Billy Jack," it was Mr. McMakin who "carried a big stick.") Mr. McMakin, working as athletic director, had the time-consuming, difficult job of scheduling all sports activities for both girls and boys. Getting everyone to class on time and having clean lunch tables at 1:11 P.M. also became some of Mr. McMakin's primary tasks.

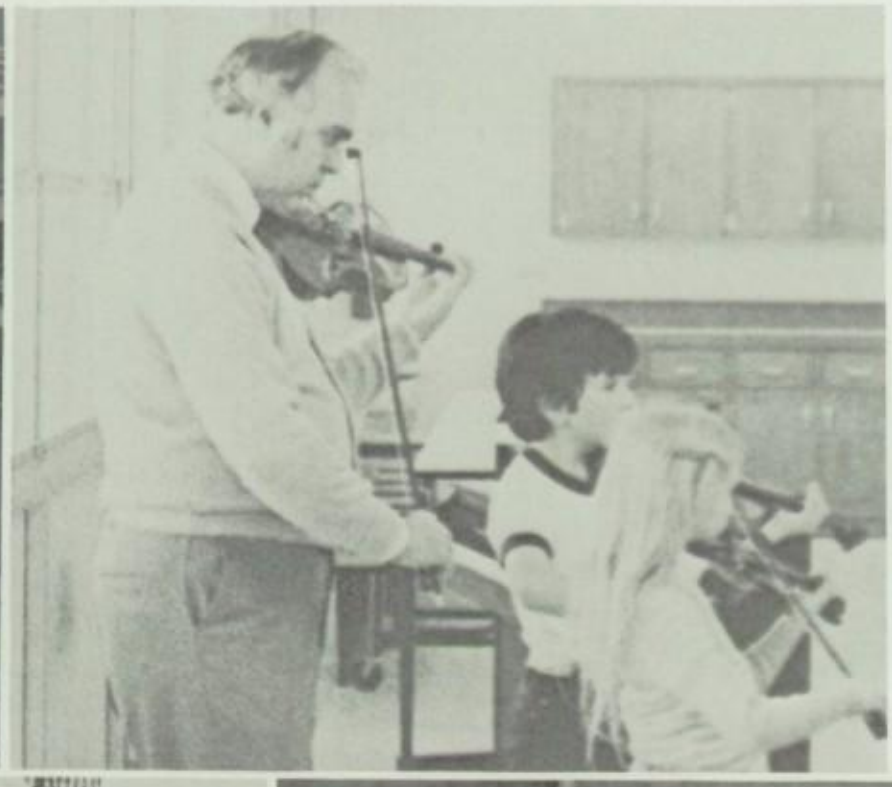
This page — top: Mr. McMakin displays the "deluxe model" from his collection of "torture" instruments. Bottom: Amused with his daily work, Mr. Hammock smiles.
Opposite page — top left: Mr. Hammock patrols elementary hall. Top Right: Mr. Hummock checks football field before a game. Bottom left: Mr. McMakin mingles with the faculty. Bottom right: Helping students in distress is Mr. McMakin's job, especially when Joy Miller's car was stuck.



Faculty Sparks Enthusiasm

Mrs. Jeannette Ackel: 8th grade English, social studies. Mrs. Rozel Arant: English IV. Mr. Al Blackwell: English II, free enterprise, research, Key Club sponsor. Mrs. Ellen Boatright: business, Business Club sponsor. Mrs. Audrey Boggs; guidance counselor. Mr. Woody Boyles: varsity football. Mrs. Nellie Brantley: grade 3. Mrs. Merle Brennen: grade 4. Mrs. Pat Brenner, secretary. Mrs. Luan Carlton: 7th and 8th grade math, Sundance Kids sponsor. Mr. Steve Carroll: varsity football.

In River Oaks' Classrooms



Mrs. Joan Chardkoff: High school French, French Club sponsor. Mr. Joe Cleveland: strings. Mrs. Ann Crowe: grade 2. Mrs. Rachel Cruse: general science, crafts. Mrs. Brenda Davis: grade 4. Mrs. Patrice Delcambre: English III, elementary librarian, senior sponsor. Mr. Walter Dunn, Am. history, world history, adv. social studies, Student Council sponsor. Mrs. Kathy Dent: art, Art Club sponsor. Mrs. Anita Fleming: Algebra I and II, advanced math, cheerleader sponsor. Miss Camille Hardy: varsity girls basketball and track coach, Rangerette sponsor. Mrs. Donna Higdon: speech, civics, Speech Club sponsor.

Patience, Understanding Characterize Teachers

Mrs. Cinda Huber: Spanish, 7th and 8th grade French, Spanish Club sponsor, senior sponsor. Mr. Richard Hood: band. Mrs. Ann Johnson: geometry, physics, general math. Mrs. Jane Jones: grade 3. Mrs. Charlotte Hurley: grade 5. Mrs. Barbara Lassiter: 7th grade English, social studies, junior high cheerleader sponsor. Mrs. Ann McMickle: grade 6. Mr. Steve Kamerman: boys' p.e., driver education, varsity boys' basketball and baseball, Interact Club sponsor. Mrs. Sheila Milner: grade 6. Mrs. JoAnn Pipes: grade 6. Mrs. Lynn Rickett: 7th and 8th grade science.

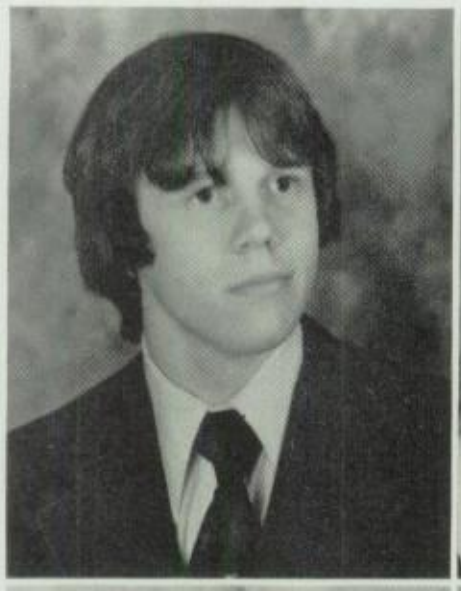
Mrs. Marcia Stadley: biology, chemistry. Mrs. Jane Stewart: grade 1. Mr. Monroe Stewart: janitor, Mrs. Petty Underwood: developmental reading. Mrs. Ann Sumlin: grade 5. Mrs. Donna Underwood: English I, journalism, American novel, **Pony Express** and **Silver Spur** sponsor. Mr. Glen Venator: boys' p.e., junior high football, track. Mrs. Jean Vines: elementary French. Mrs. Ruth Ward: librarian, Library Club sponsor. Mr. Max Watters: junior high football and basketball. Mrs. Tina Williamson: secretary. Mrs. Beth Wooldridge: accountant.

Senior Class Purchases Trophy

Bill Adams: LISA Rally 4; PONY EXPRESS 4; Key Club 1, 3; Interact Club 2, 4; French Club 1, 2; Football 1.

Jane Adams: Speech Club 3; Business Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Club 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3.

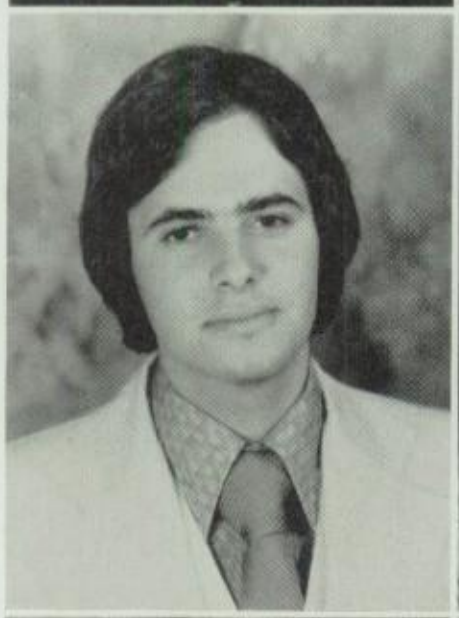
Lisa Beason: LISA Rally 1, 3; Tech Rally 1, 3, 4; SILVER SPUR 4; PONY EXPRESS 4; Speech Club 2; Business Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 2; National Honor Society 4; Publication Service Award 4.



Mil Bodron: SILVER SPUR 2, 3; Speech Club 4; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Club 4; Art Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 4; Key Club treasurer 4; Track 2, 4.

Rookh Brothers: Speech Club 2; Business Club 2, 3, 4; French Club 2; PONY EXPRESS 4.

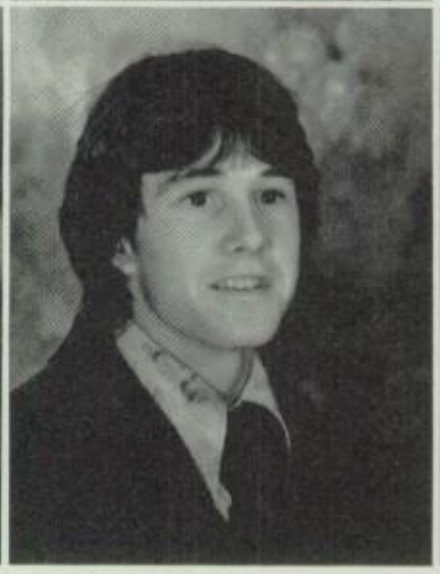
Stephen Brown: LISA Rally 3; Interact Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; Student Council 3; Football 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track 2, 3, 4; Senior Class VP; National Honor Society 4.



Rod Cascio: PONY EXPRESS 4; SILVER SPUR 4; Key Club 1, 2; Interact Club 4; Business Club 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Art Club 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; National Honor Society 4; Publication Service Award 4.

Tommy Clay: Interact Club 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Business Club 4; Spanish Club 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2, 4; All-district basketball 2, 4.

Leslie Cook: PONY EXPRESS 4; Speech Club 2, 3, 4; Business Club 3, 4; Art Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Tennis 1.



Case For Foyer of School

Lan Craft: Favorite 3; PONY EXPRESS 4; Speech Club 3, 4; Sergeant 4; Interact Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Sergeant 4; Business Club 4; Treasurer 4; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Football 3, 4; Tennis 2, 3, 4; Handsome 4.

Richard Crowe: Most Athletic 4; PONY EXPRESS 4; Speech Club 4; Sergeant 4; Interact Club 2, 3, 4; Sergeant 3; VP 4; Business Club 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Sergeant 3; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4.

Andy Davidson: LISA Rally 1, 2, 3, 4; Tech Rally 1, 2, 3, 4; Interact Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Club 1, 2; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 4; President 4; Favorite 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Youth Award 4; Math Award 4; La. Tech Scholarship 4; Most Likely to Succeed, 4.

Royce Deveny: Business Club 3, 4; Art Club 3, 4.

Jimmy Dobbins: SILVER SPUR 4; PONY EXPRESS 4; Key Club 4; Spanish Club 4; Football 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Track 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Publication Service Award 4.

Mike Douglas: PONY EXPRESS 4; Key Club 2; Interact Club 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Business Club 4; Football 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; All-district 4; All-Star 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; All-Star 3.

Paul Dulaney: PONY EXPRESS 4; Interact Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Art Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Wittiest 4.

Lisa Files: Speech Club 3, 4; Interact Sweetheart 3, 4; Business Club 3, 4; Art Club 3; Spanish Club 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Tennis 2, 4; Cheerleader 4; Senior Maid 4.

Jamie Fox: SILVER SPUR 4; PONY EXPRESS 4; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; President 3; Sergeant 4; Business Club 4; French Club 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Basketball 3; Baseball 3, 4; Inter-Club Council 3; Tennis 1, 2; Track 2, 3, 4; Friendliest 4; Scottish Rites Award 4.

Seniors Survive Research Physics,

Leighanne Geisler: PONY EXPRESS 4; Art Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Tennis 2, 3, 4.

Richard Guerriero: LISA Rally 1, 4; Tech Rally 1, 4; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Sergeant 3; President 4; Key Club Award 4; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Class President 4; Mr. RO 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Basketball 1; Track 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Youth Award 4; South Central Bell Award 4; Science Award 4; History Award 4; Am. Legion Award 4.

Reace Harrison: PONY EXPRESS 4; Interact Club 2; Business Club 2; Spanish Club 2.

Paige Ledoux: SILVER SPUR 4; PONY EXPRESS 4; Business Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mardi Gras Court 3; Spanish Club 3, 4; Party Chairman 3; Speech Club 2; Art Club 4; Secretary 4; Beauty 4; Friendliest 4.

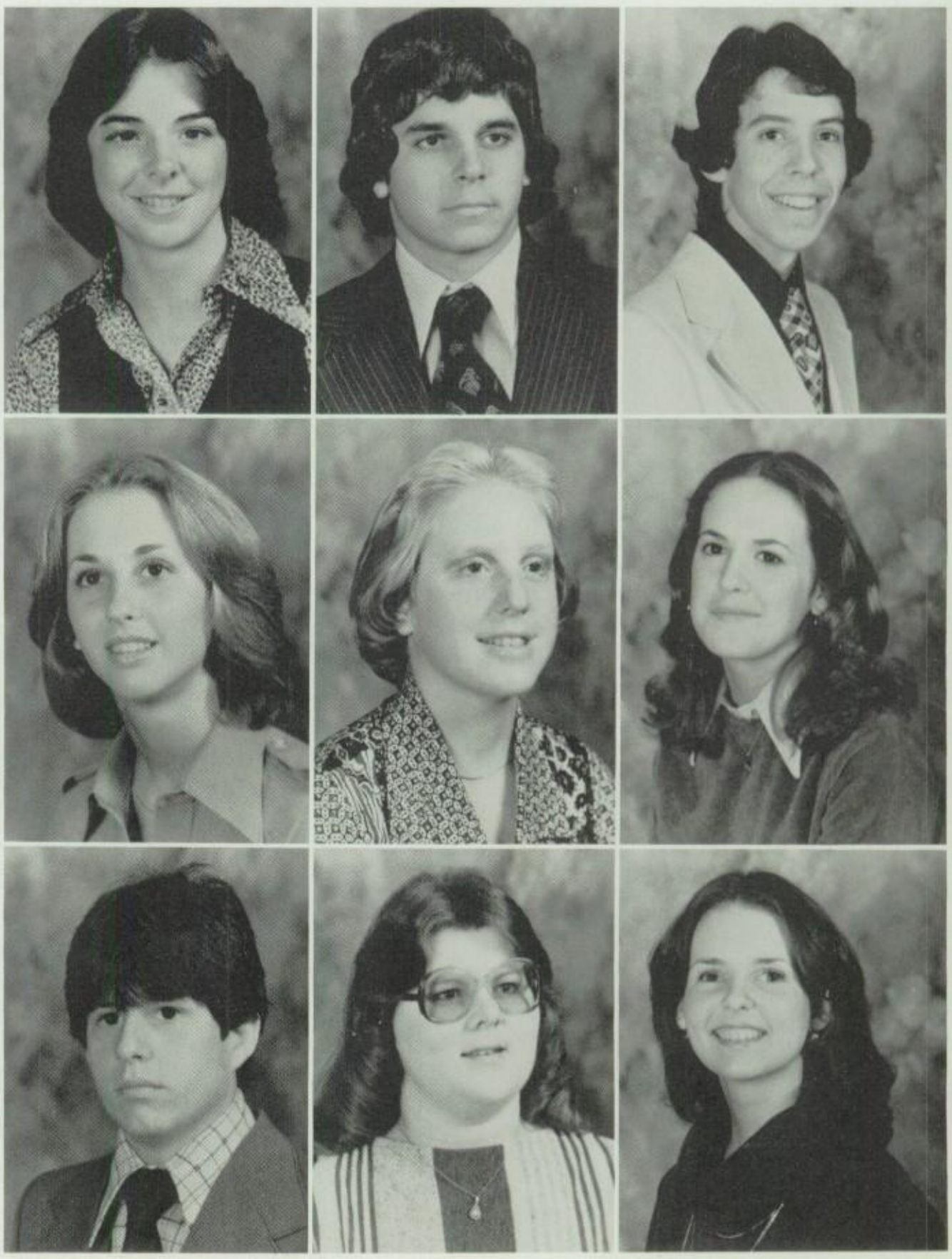
Kay Loflin: LISA Rally 3, 4; Key Club Sweetheart 4; Business Club 3, 4; Art Club 3; Treasurer 3; Spanish Club 2; Student Council 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Golf 1, 2; Tennis 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Most Athletic 4; National Honor Society 4.

Leslie McCants: Cheerleader 3, 4; PONY EXPRESS 4; Speech Club 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Interact Sweetheart 4; Business Club 3, 4; Party Chairman 3; Secretary 4; Spanish 1, 2; Wittiest 4; National Honor Society 4.

Bernard McKenzie: Interact Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 2; VP 4; Party Chairman 4; Art Club 4; Sergeant 4; Spanish Club 2; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

Angela McMillon: LISA Rally 4; Tech Rally 4; SILVER SPUR 4; PONY EXPRESS 4; Business Club 4; National Honor Society 4; Publication Service Award 4.

Tracie Mayo: SILVER SPUR 4; PONY EXPRESS 4; Business Club 4; Art Club 4; President 4; National Honor Society 4; Publication Service Award 4.



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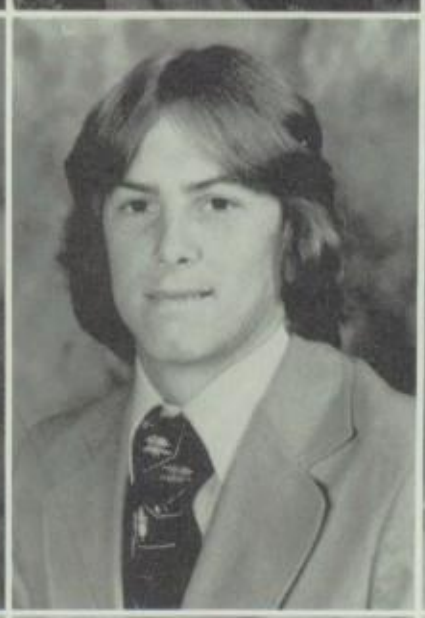

Grayson Zeagler: Band 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Key Club 4; Business Club 4; Most Talented 4; NLU music Scholarship 4; John P. Sousa Award 4.

Kurt Merriman: PONY EXPRESS 4; Interact Club 2, 3, 4; Business Club 2; Art Club 3; French Club 1; Student Council 4; VP 4; Football 4.

Joy Miller: LISA Rally 2, 3; Tech Rally 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Business Club 1; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Youth Award 4; Salutatorian 4; NLU Symphonic Scholarship 4.

Mac Oakley: Interact Club 3, 4; Art Club 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4.

Dawn Rivers: LISA Rally 2, 3, 4; Tech Rally 4; Cheerleader 1, 4; PONY EXPRESS 4; Speech Club 4; Secretary 4; Interact Sweetheart 1, 3, 4; Favorite 1, 3; Business Club 3, 4; VP 4; Art Club 3; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 1; President 3, 4; Student Council 1, 3; Junior Maid 3; Miss RO 4; National Honor Society 4; Youth Award 4.

Tommy Russell: Favorite 1; Interact Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Club 3, 4; VP 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Most Spirited 4.

Monisa Thompson: LISA Rally 1, 2, 3, 4; Tech Rally 2, 3, 4; Honor Student 1, 2, 3; SILVER SPUR 3, 4; Editor 4; PONY EXPRESS 3, 4; Speech Club 2, 4; Business Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 2; Most Likely to Succeed 4; National Honor Society 4; Pilot Club Award 4; DAR Good Citizen 4; Youth Award 4; Valedictorian 4; NLU Foundation Scholarship 4; Publication Service Award 4.

Howard Weigand: Interact Club 4; Business Club 4; Football 4; Track 4.

Catherine Winters: Student Council 1, 2; Business Club 1; French Club 3.

Wendy Worthen: Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Head Cheerleader 4; PONY EXPRESS 4; Speech Club 2, 3, 4; Key Club Sweetheart 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Club 3, 4; Art Club 3, 4; Party Chairman 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; Student Council 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Court 1, 2, 4; Queen 4; Most Spirited 4; Secretary Senior Class 4; Youth Award 4.

Michael & Douglas

Kay Laflin

Stephen T. Brown

Jason Zinger

Leighanne Geisler

Sara Adams

Sara Cook

Sara Cook

Rocky Brothers

Law craft

Leslie McCants

Dawn Rivers

Wendy Worthen

Howard Hoigang

Mit Bodron

TRACY MAYO

Paige Ledoux

Jamie Fox

Tommy Russell (BCHS)

Anne Nieman

Marc Oakley

Jane Adams

Catherine Winters (CRAZY CAT)

Joy Miller

Jimmy Dobbins JD

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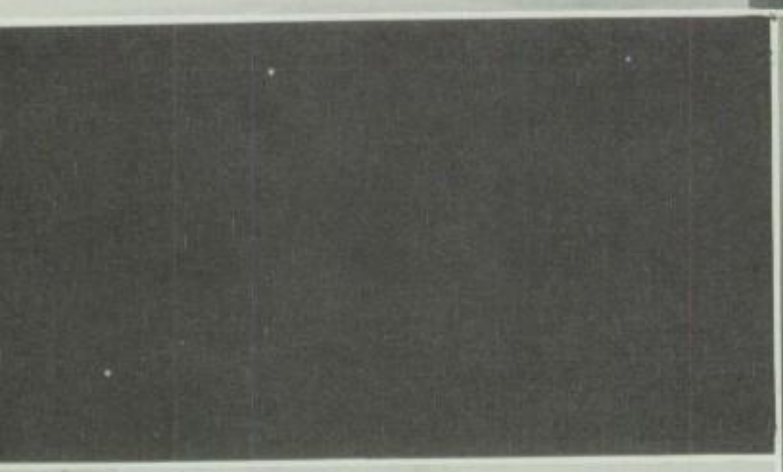

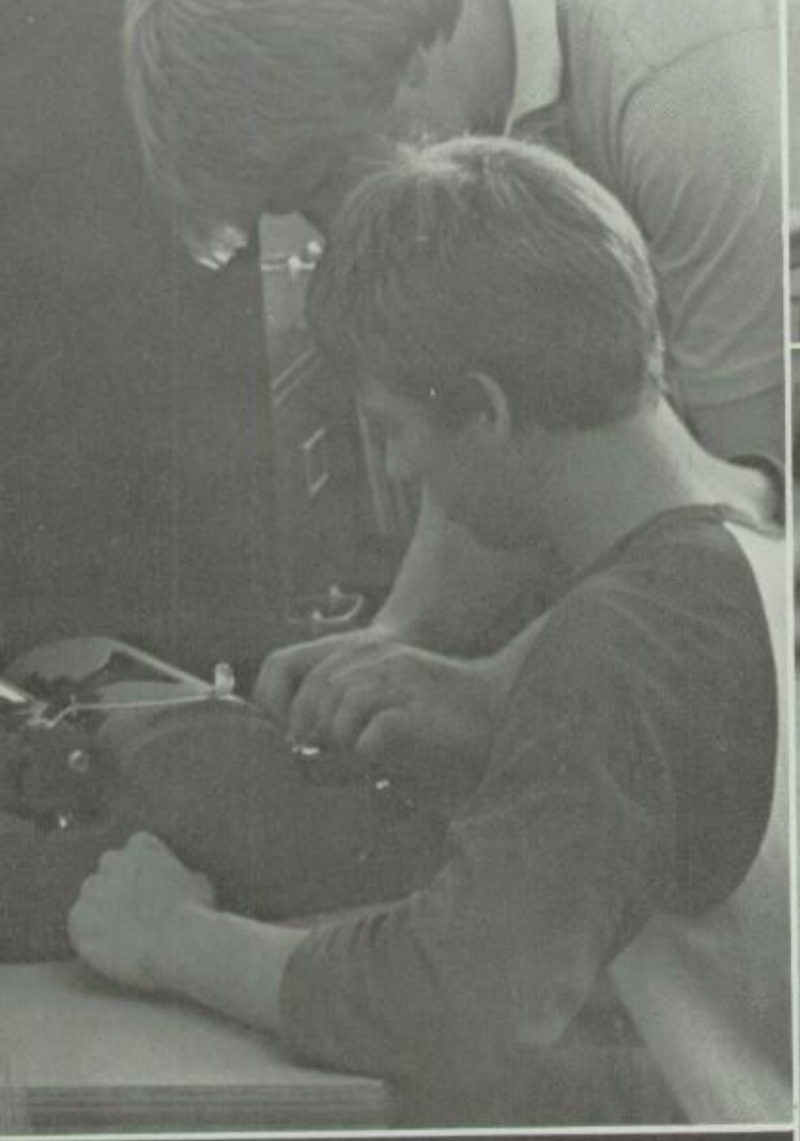

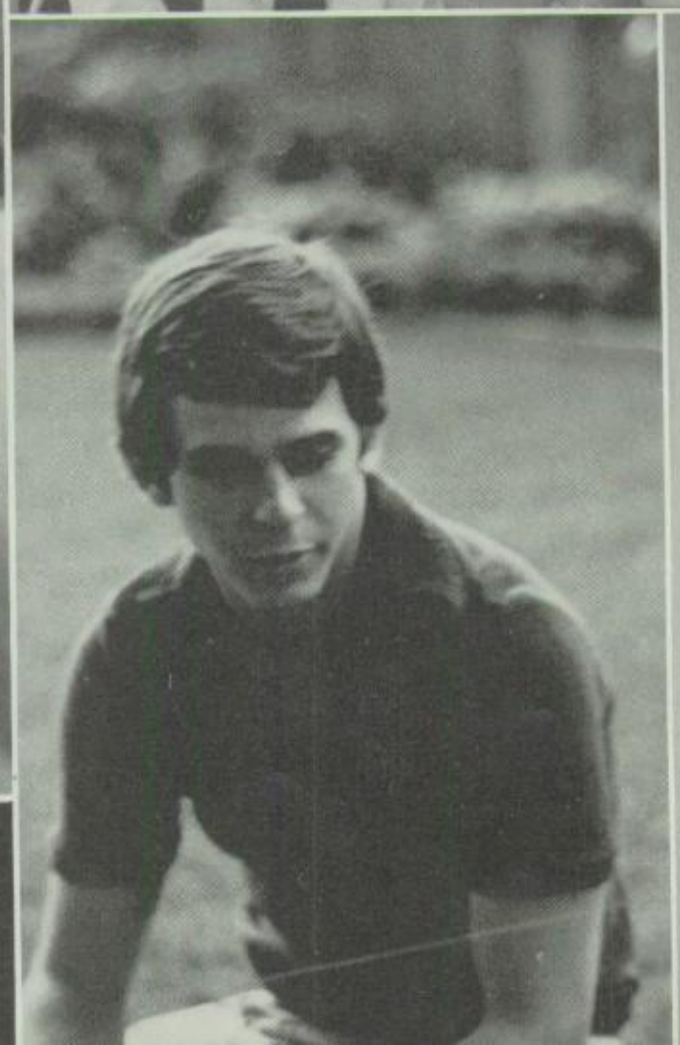

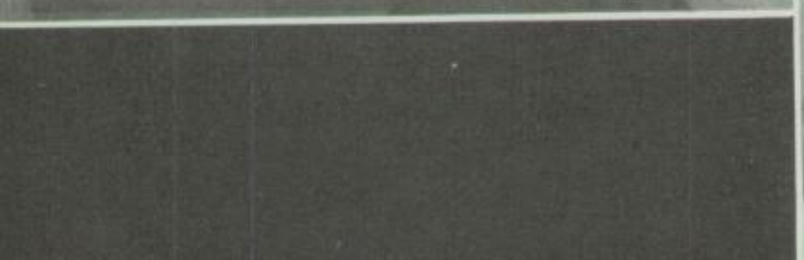

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Edel Blanks
Ellen Cole

Bill Cotton
Mark Dallalio
Kevin Edwards
Robbie Ellington
Betsy Ellis

Renee Gannaway
Gerald Gates
Julie Gates
Stewart Gentry
Ceci Grant

Kathy Hereford
Kelly Hubenthal
Nancy Kelso
Kerry Kilpatrick
Kay Leckie

"Only One More Year!"

Woody Ledbetter
Karen Ledoux
Todd Mahaffey
Mickey Masur
Blanche Mattison

Leah Mayo
Liz Montgomery
Chip Norman
Terri Rosenberg
Elizabeth Sartor

Catherine Shemwell
Colby Sheppard
Joe Simpson
Beverly Sloan
David Smith

Aimee Spence
Vernon Stevenson
Lea Thompson
William Tosten
Tim Vines

Lisa Webster
Ford Williams
Tim Williams
Jimmy Wooldridge
Bobbie Wyatt

Sophomores Generate Spirit

Brad Armintor
Bob Bell
Priscilla Brown
Leighanne Buller
Bobby Craighead
Tom Dansby
Melinda Downey

Danelle Dupree
Clare Durrett
Julie Ellington
Ann Files
Leslie Files
Cindy Fomby
Keith Gilley

Larry Gilley
Lynn Godfrey
Gil Guerriero
Jeff Guerriero
Stewart Harrison
Cheryl Impson
Donald Jones

Walter Ligon
Mike Linzel
Marguerite Martin
Penny Masur
Dawn Mickey
Salley Mintz
Mignon Morse

Boyd Padgett
Mike Page
Gwen Parker
Fred Petty
Clay Petrus
Jackie Petrus
Melanie Pierron

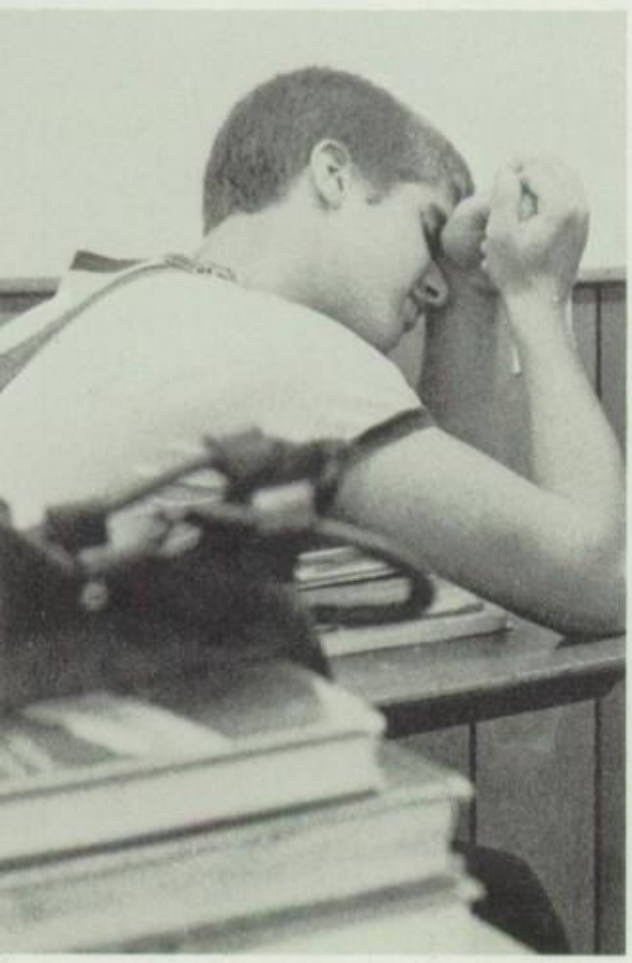
Randy Pipes
Ray Rivers
Katherine Ryan
Ryan Sartor
Will Sartor
Louise Seymour
Ron Sloan

In All RO Activities

Ansel Smith
Bill Smith
Vikki Southern
Mary Stewart
Margo Tennis

Libby Tirmenstein
Kyle Thrasher
Mary Walker
Jay Wallace
Missy Webb

Eric Worthen



Freshman Class Begins Four

Kristen Anderson
Suzan Arnold
Norman Bagwell
Teresa Bingham
Scott Bradford

Stuart Brown
Todd Carter
Amanda Caskey
Alison Choate
Kendra Daniels

Elizabeth Edwards
Stephen Gates
Kaye Guin
Tom Hamaker
Colleen Hammock

Paul Harrop
Todd Hindmon
Curtis Houston
Lisa Illing
Ann Irby

Lee Jenkins
Nancy Lary
Katherine Lauve
Margaret Marshall
Jay Miller

Year High School Adventure

Ashley Mingledorff
Kim Norman
Ron Shemwell
Roy Shotwell

Shannon Spooner
Gay Southern
Merion Spence
Beth Stewart

Pete Trinca
Andrea Weaks
Kelly White
Rene Winegeart

Stephens Winters
Morgan Wyatt

Kevin Adams
Virginia Armstrong
Michael Bennett
Jana Brockman
Brian Brown

Laurie Brown
Caroline Carter
Pam Cline
Elise Davidson
Brenda Douglas

Cara Gates
Alan Gilbert
Stephen Harrison
Martha Hayden
Ginger Hubenthal

Frederick Huenefeld
Elizabeth Johnston
Charlie Jones
Nancy King
Kendall Lanningham

Muffin Lauve
Beverly Lingle
Alison Lolley
Troy McCullen
Lindy McMickle

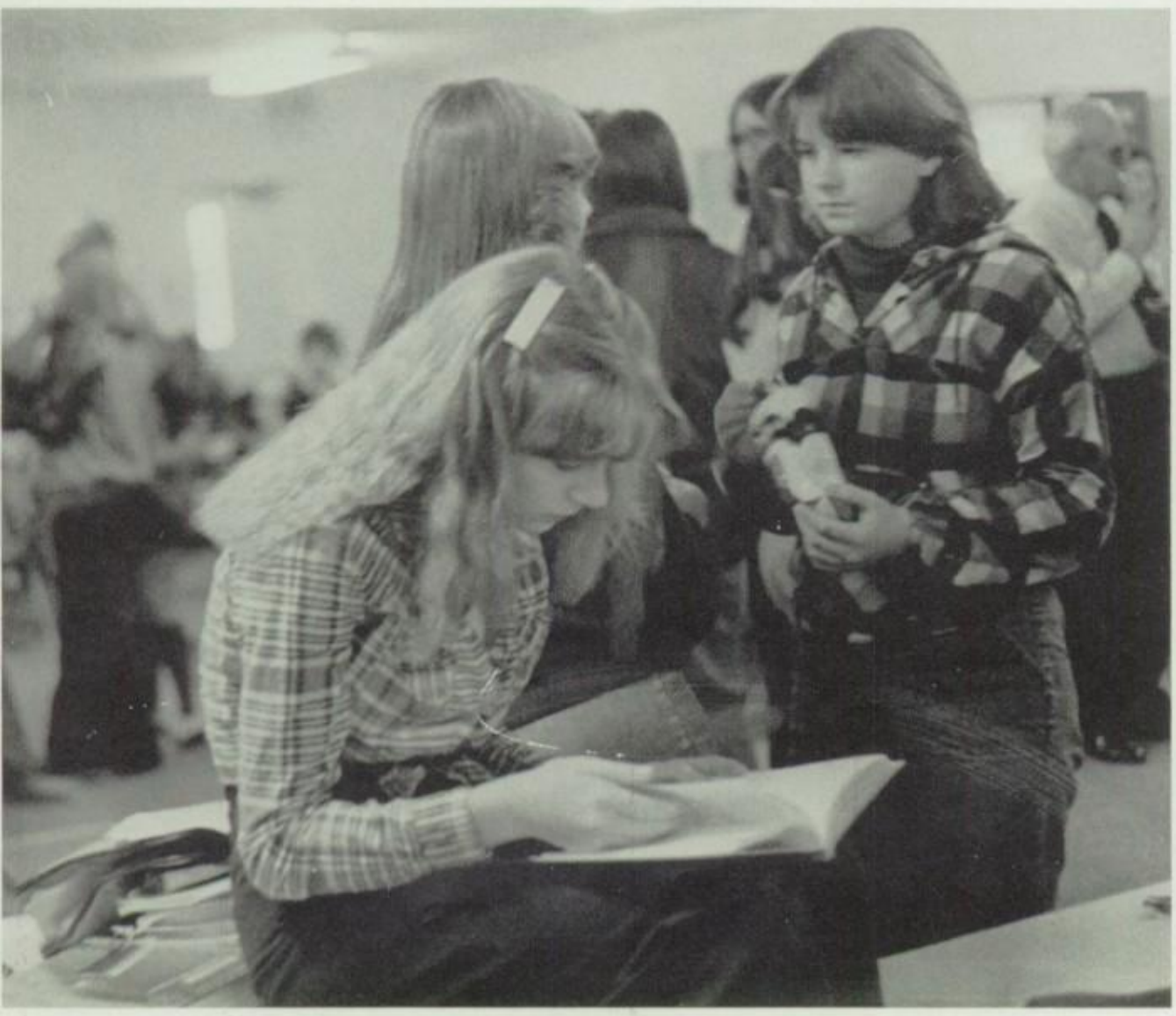
Through Longfellow's 'Evangeline'

Suzanne Mahaffey
Sarah Martin
Jimmy Miller
Conrad Mingledorff
Shelly Mulhearn

Cole Padgett
Laura Petty
Krista Ray
Charles Rosamond
Coleman Rowland

Tanya Sallee
Thomas Sartor
Wes Shafto
Polly Shotwell
Karen Smith

Mike Stinson
Marie Tennis
Rosemary Upshaw
Mauri Walker
Heather Woods



Seventh Grade "Moves on"

Jo Altick
Brett Armintor
Jon Bradford
Harris Brown
Joey Cleveland

Nan Cox
Blair Cudd
Dickie Culpepper
Mike Cummings
John Dimos

Sharon Funderburk
Diana Gentry
Gretchen Guerriero
Russell Hogue
Ann Harrop

Rachel Huenefeld
Susan Illing
Shirley Kusin
Vaughn Landry
Beau Lewis

Shannon McCormick
Ruth Masur
DeeDee Melton
Lesley Winter
Amy Wallace

Shep Montgomery
Leith Parks

Cheryl Parker
Melissa Parker
Robin Rivers
Walter Sartor
Clay Shemwell

Amy Stephens
Anne Surratt
Van Tarver
Ken Vines
Jim Wade

Eric Womack
Wendy Windsor
Colin Williams
Charles Whitaker
Ann Ware

Sixth Graders Prepare For

Connie Altick
Cynthia Bailey
Jay Bassett
Sophia Blanks
Cindy Bradley

Salley Bunch
Jennifer Carlton
Courtney Cole
Carolyn Cox
Jim Culpepper

Ron Cupples
Jay Davis
Kim Deveny
Billy Ellis
Jimmy Fuller

Susan Gates
Justin Guerriero
Tommy Jackson
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Susie Keeling

Robin Kilpatrick
Amy King
Jessica Kleppinger
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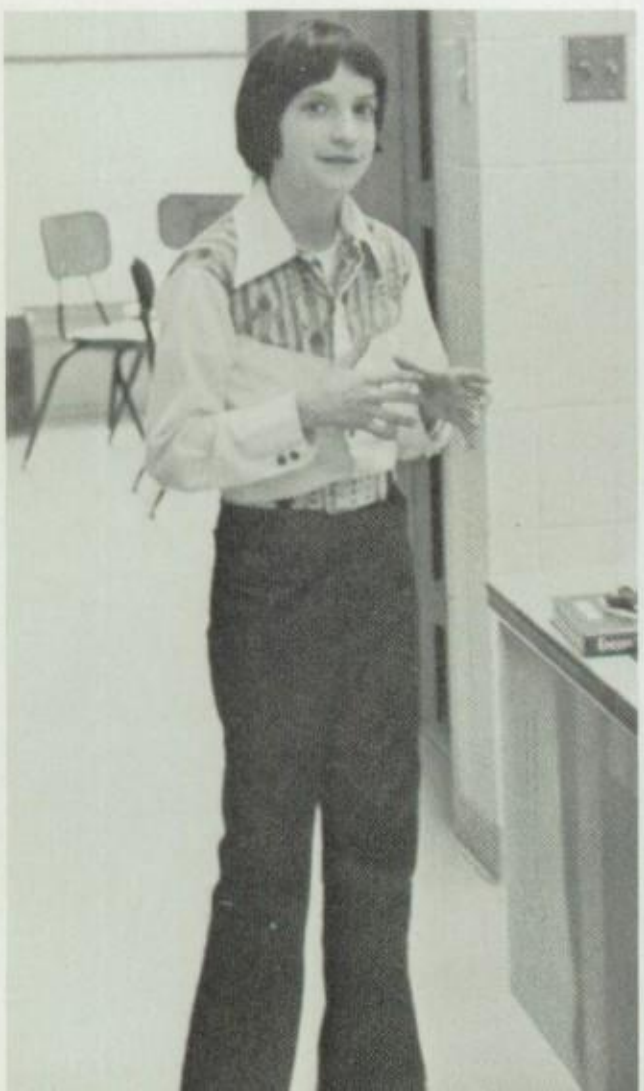
Julie Laudenheimer



Entrance Into Junior High World

Joby Ledoux
Monte Luffey
Jack McCants
Cristine Martin
Johnny Miller

Carter Mills
John Mitchell
Monica Mulhearn
Doug Norman
Leslie Petrus

Scott Phillips
Thad Ryan
Edward Seymour
Neville Shafton
Chris Smith

George Snellings
Rob Stewart
Clint Thompson
Lesley Trinca
David Vines

Carlton Wade
Jon Ward
Chardelle Weaks
Davy West
Todd Williamson

Fifth Grade Studies States

Anne Birdsong
Mary Blackmon
Patrick Booker
Wes Brockman
Hallie Cleveland
Jaime Cook

Nancy Files
Lewis Harrison
Mike Hightower
Heather Huey
Robin Irwin
Allison Jones

Debbie Keeling
Trey Kelso
Stewart McMickle
Wesley Pipes
Mike Smith
Lee Stephens

Paul Tennis
Kim Thrasher
Kristin Trinca
Brian Turner
Amanda Winters
Caroline Winters

Fourth Graders Love Corral Day

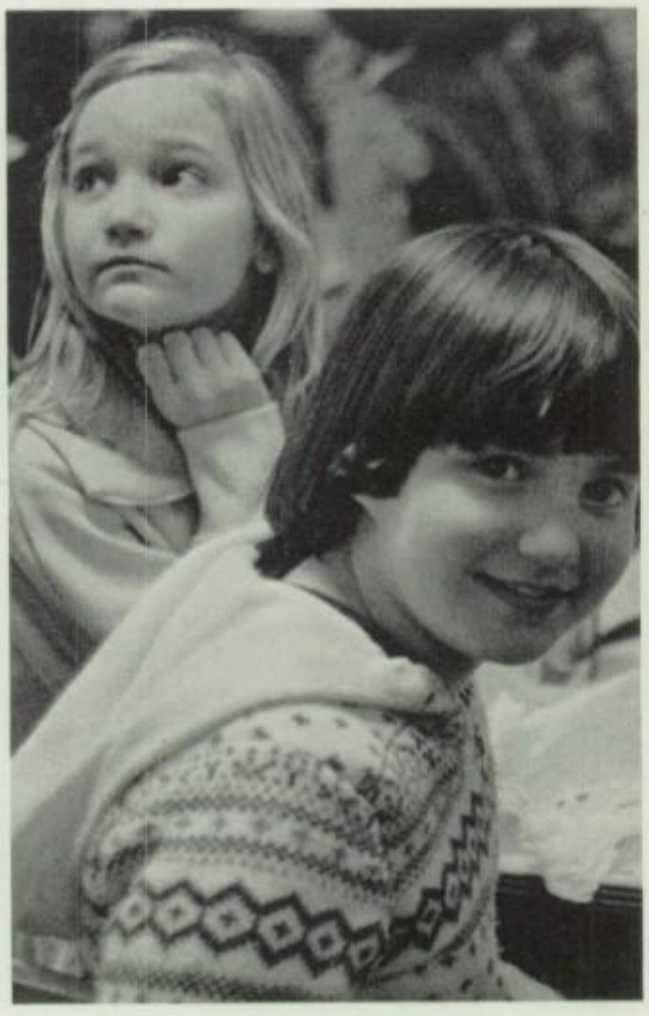
Tamsy Armstrong
Holly Bunch
Patricia Cox
Amanda Cudd
Michelle Cummings
Jeff Davis

Susy Ellis
Richard Ethridge
Michael Garner
Timothy Gates
Jaime Guerriero
Will Hamaker

Karl Harrop
Jess Heard
Shannon Hindmon
Beth Jones
Laura Kilpatrick
Carol Lanningham

Gregory Lolley
Kelly McCormick
Jeff McKeithen
Danny McMillon
Lori Martin
Mark Mayo

Cobb Morgan
Butch Mulhearn
Amy Petrus
Scott West
Chris Windsor
Gregg Yocom



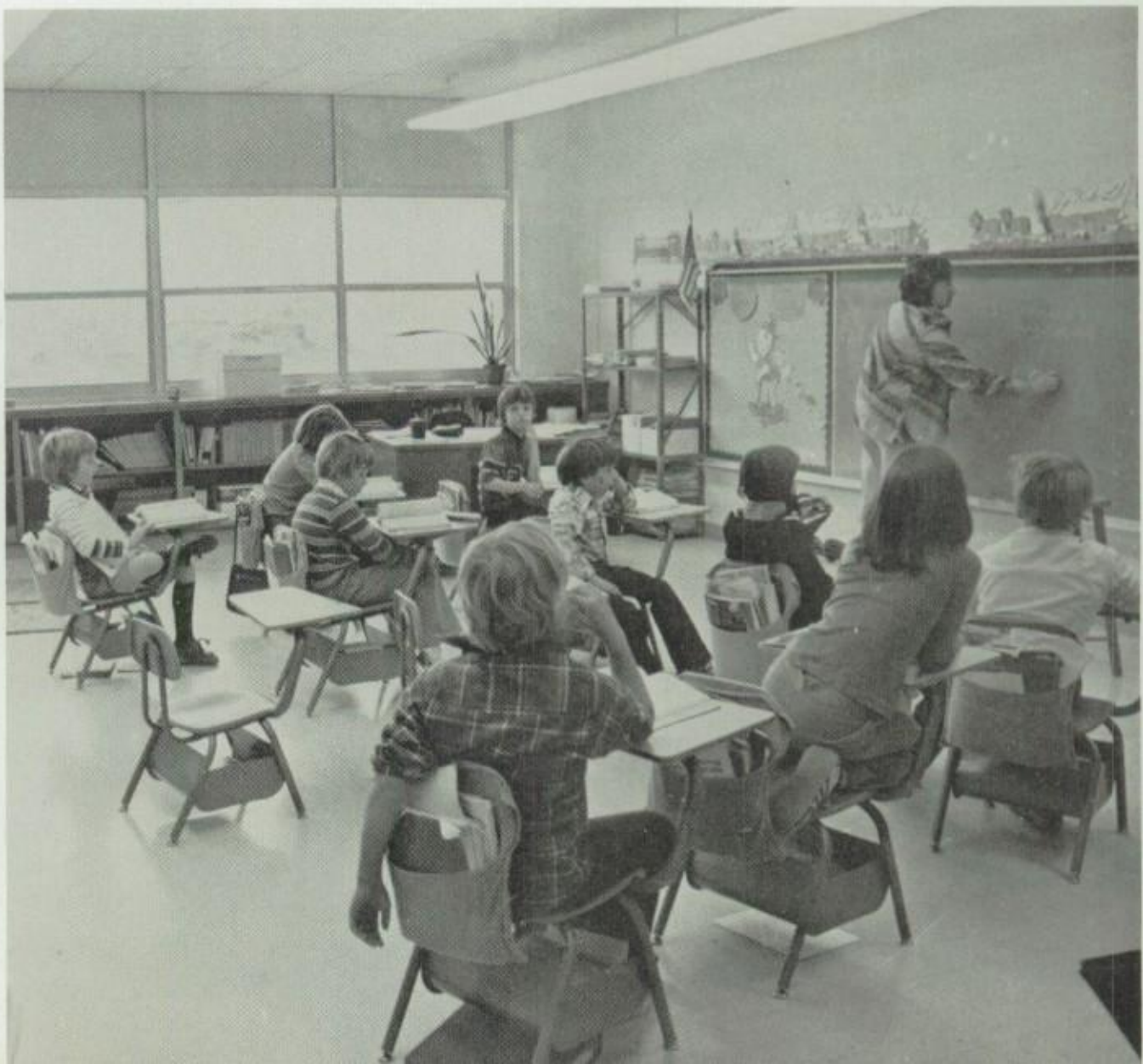
Third and Second Graders

Mike Booker
Greg Chastain
John Cleveland
Chris Culpepper
Becky Fuller
Todd Irwin

Lynn Jenkins
John Loftin
Michelle John
Jack Johnson
Scott McMickle
Trevor McClanahan

Marianna Mitchell
Lisa Phillips
Cole Smelser
Tiffany Smith
Chelsea Spooner
Ellen Stephens

Bret Tannehill
Robbie Tirmenstein
Henry Weaks



"Move on Up" in Elementary

Melissa Aron
Allison Boykin
Deena Chardkoff
Angel Choate
Tracy Cobb

Caroline Cole
Jennifer Garner
Jennifer George
Kevin Hurley
Jim Loftin

Megan McClanahan
Breck McCullen
Mary Montgomery
Jeff Tannehill
Missy Turner

Stan Wooldridge
Lauri Worley

First Grade Completes First of Twelve

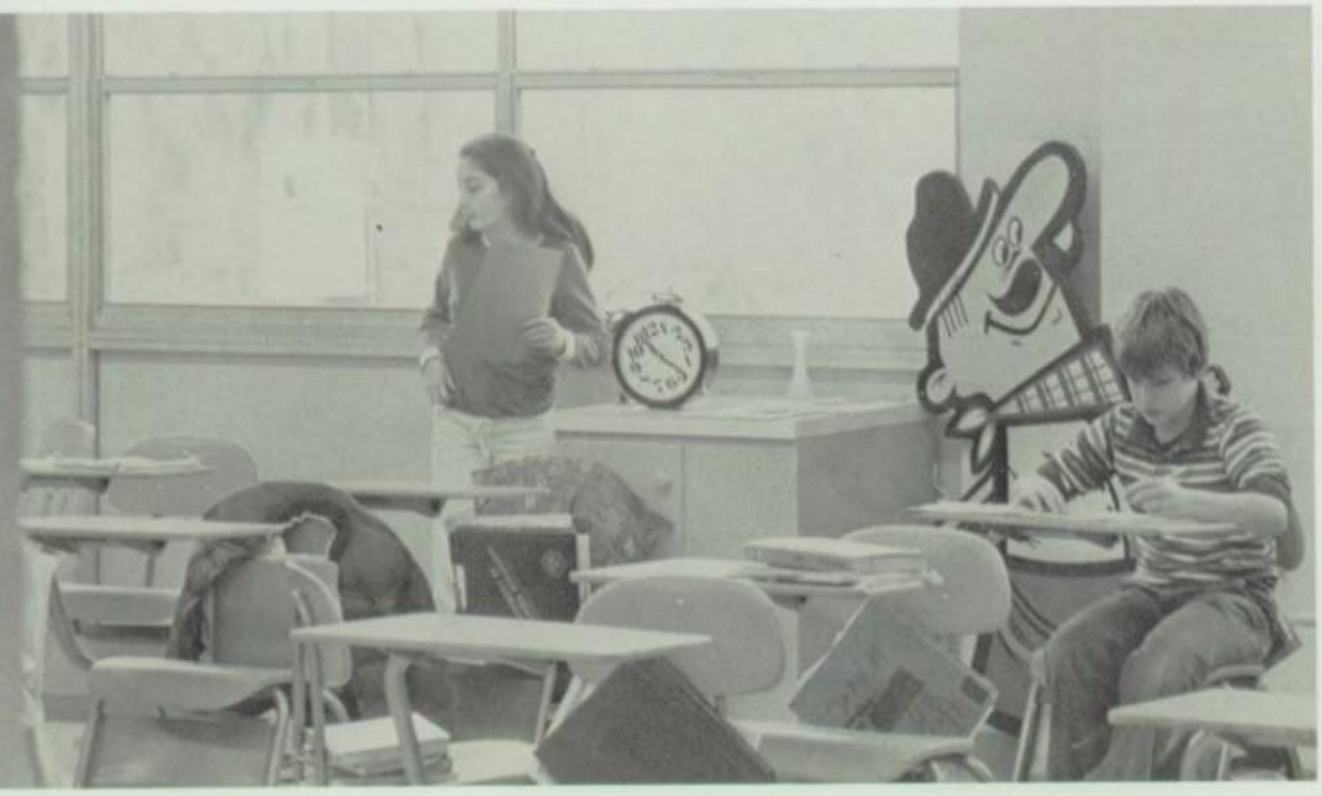
Leslie Boykin
Jason Bradley
Jennifer Brockman
Guy Campbell
Lee Guerriero

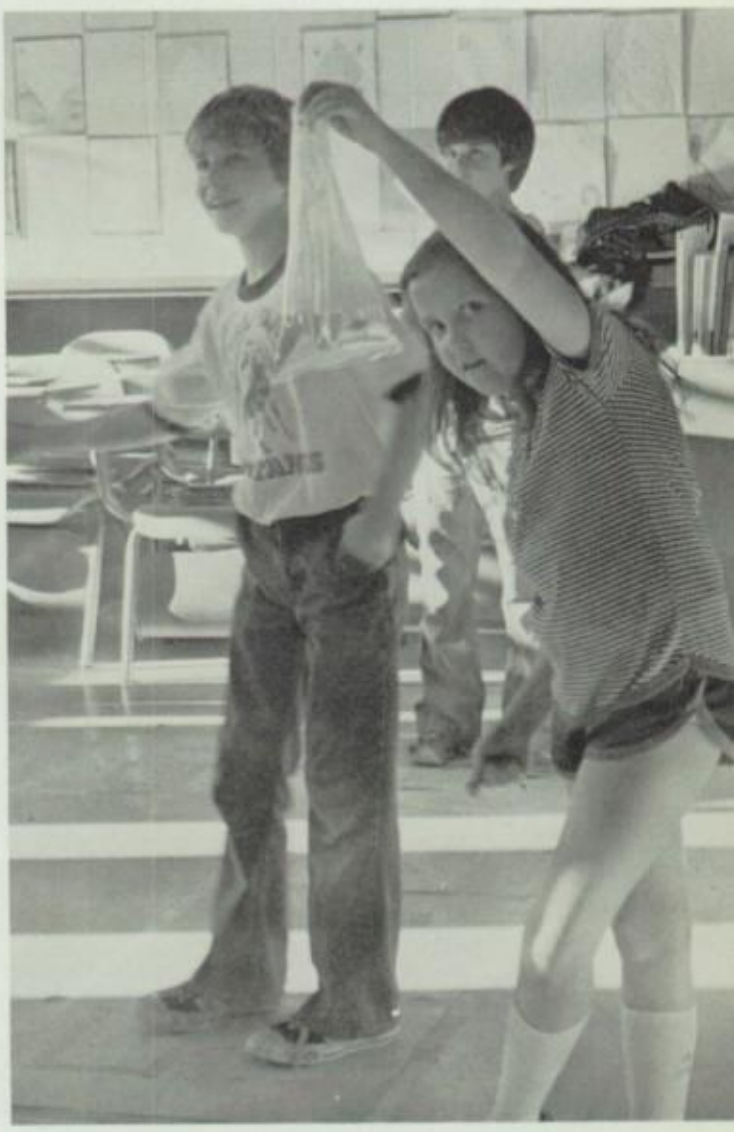
Alissa Hamm
Christie Harrison
Hollis Ann Harrison
Suzanne Hawley
Marie Irby

Lela King
Sean Miller
Marlowe Morgan
Chris Sallee
Marya Smelser

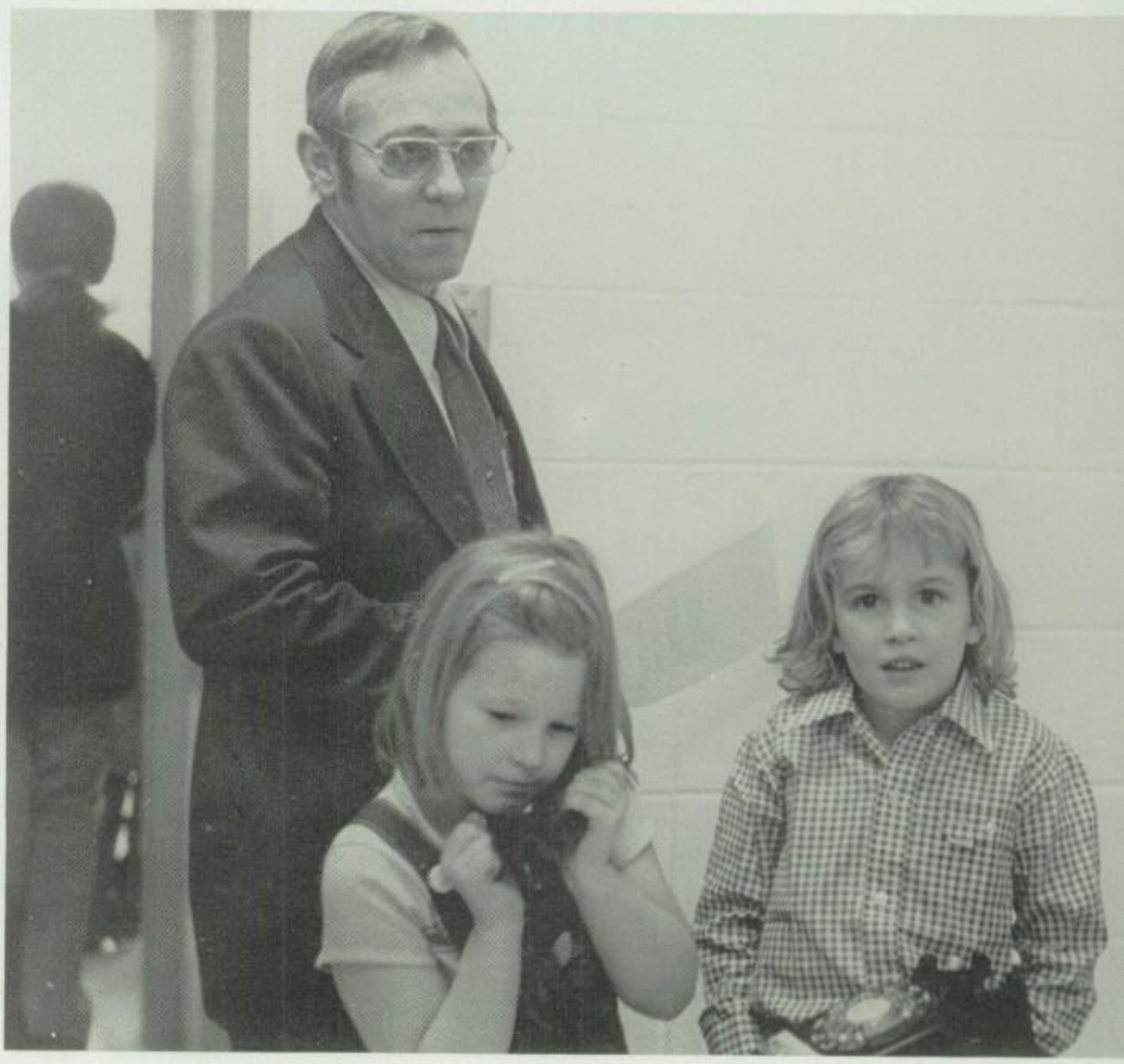
Cathrine Spooner
Jimmy Standley
Kristian Taylor
John Watzek
Elizabeth West

Top left: Suzy Keeling, Susy Ellis, Beth Jones, and Tamsy Armstrong model new RO t-shirts. Left: Working diligently are Carolyn Cox and Carlton Wade. Right: Candy Walk participants are Lewis Harrison and Holly Bunch. Bottom: Elementary students sack race on Corral Day.





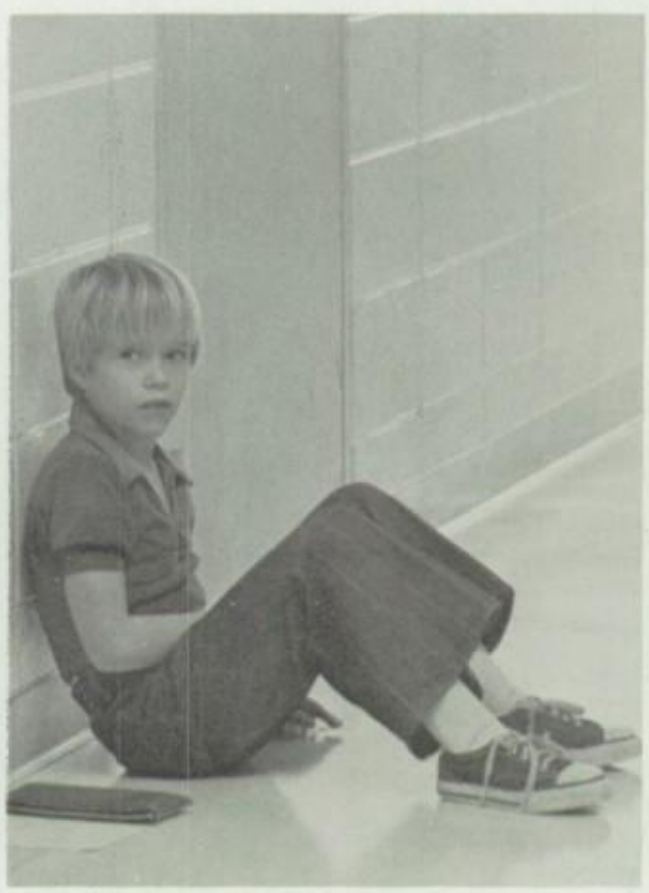
Elementary Ponies are Always



This page — top left: Jack Johnson skillfully finishes his handiwork. Top right: Coaches discuss Corral Day race rules with students. Above: Sack race is a favorite sport with young Mustangs. Right: Mr. Hammock warns Christie Harrison nd Alissa Hamm against idle chit-chat.

Opposite page — top left: Two students, Courtney Cole and Sally Bunch, express their artistic abilities. Top right: Elementary students enjoy party. Center: Working in class are Tiffaney Smith and Lisa Phillips. Bottom left: Mary Blackman observes as Debbie Keeling, Alison Jones, and Nancy Files cram for tests. Bottom right: Fourth grader Greg Yocam meditates in the hall.

On the Move In Every Area



MUSTANG

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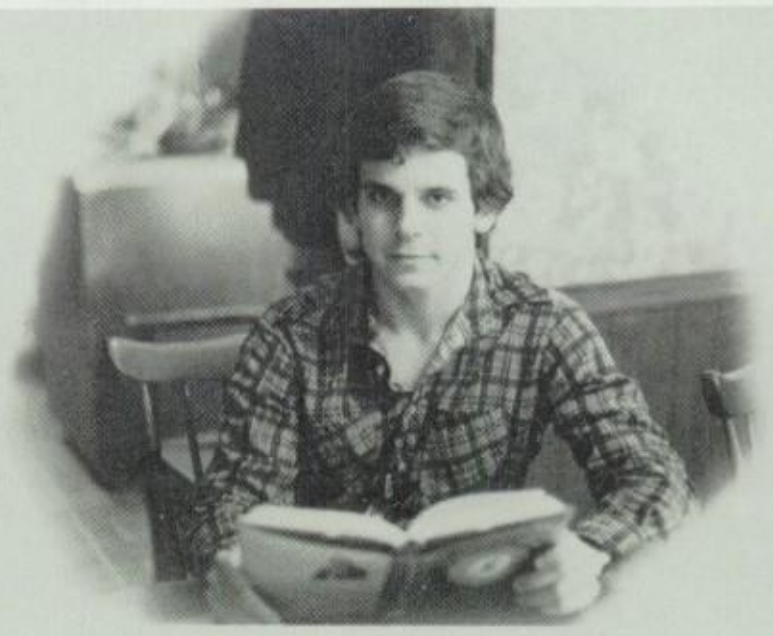
FAVORITES

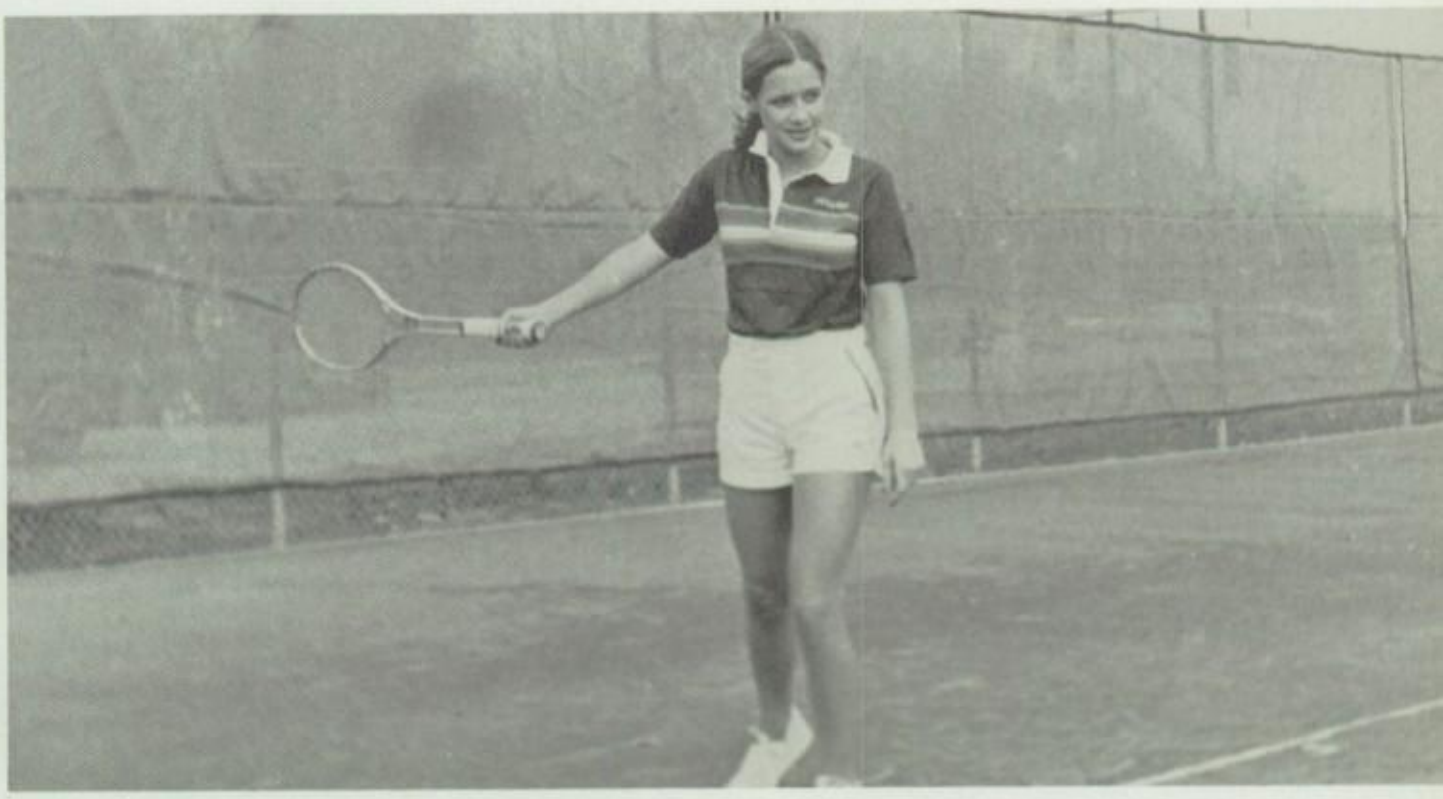
Mr. River Oaks

Richard Guerriero



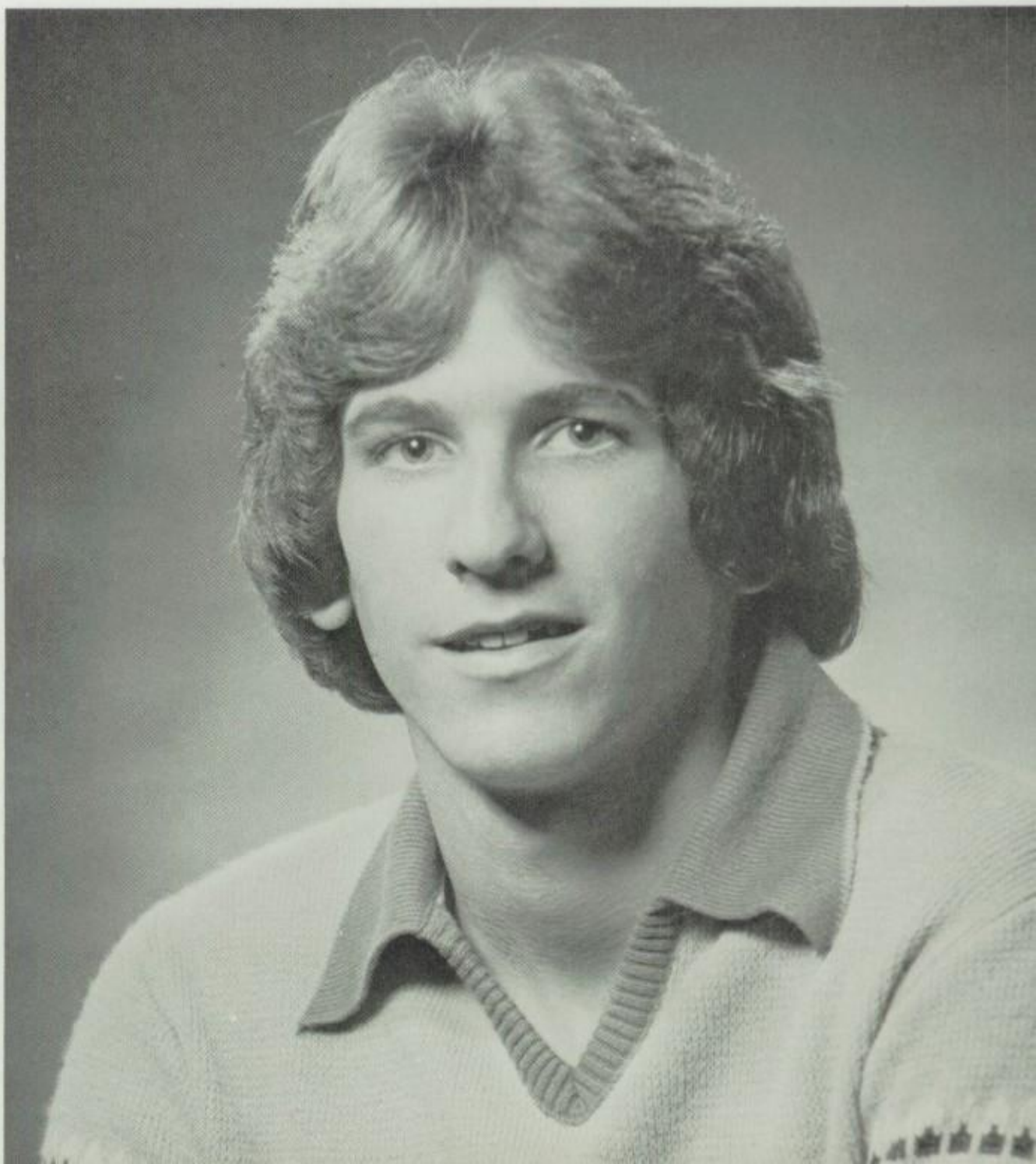
Miss River Oaks

Dawn Rivers



Beauty
Paige Ledoux

Handsome
Lan Craft



Most Likely to Succeed

Monisa Thompson
Andy Davidson

Most Talented

Joy Miller
Grayson Zeagler

Wittiest

Leslie McCants
Paul Dulaney

Friendliest

Paige Ledoux

Jamie Fox

Most Athletic

Kay Loflin

Richard Crowe

Most Spirited

Wendy Worthen

Tommy Russell

Junior Favorites

Kathy Hereford

Woody Ledbetter

Sophomore Favorites

Clare Durrett

Fred Petty

Freshman Favorites

Todd Carter

Beth Stewart

Junior High Favorites

Walter Sartor

Diana Gentry

Laura Petty

Frederick Huenefeld

MUSTANG

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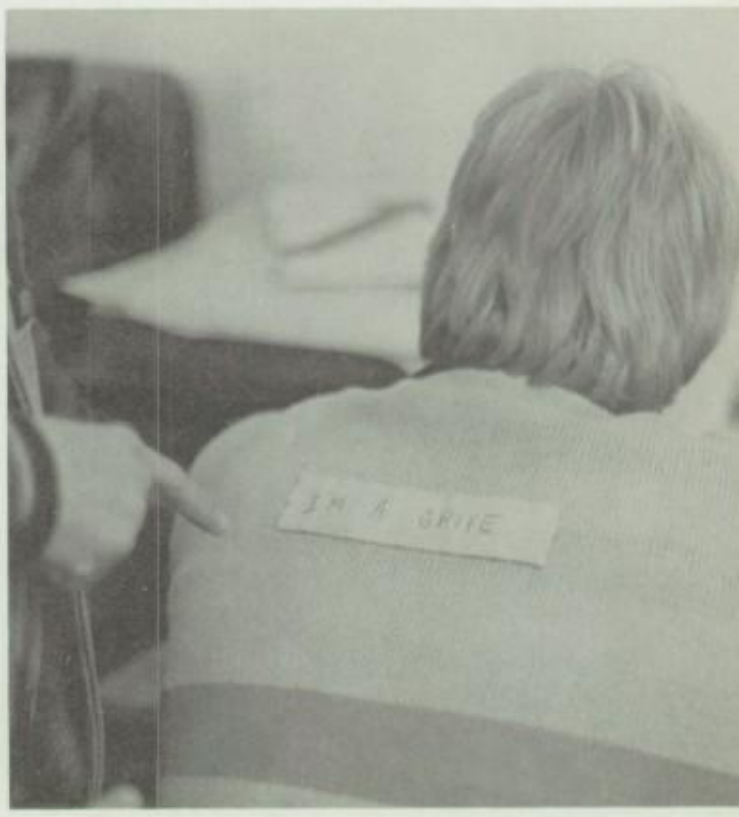
ORGANIZATIONS

This page — top right: Ormond and Liz work hard on yearbook layouts. Middle left: Angela, Monisa, and Lisa mail first section of the SILVER SPUR. Middle right: Ray Rivers poses for a picture?! Bottom right: Clare takes a picture of a picture-taker. Bottom left: Paige tries to get Tracie enthused about the classes section.
Opposite page — top left: Jimmy and Angela create another headline for the PONY EXPRESS. Top right: William Tosten, sports editor, is given a title by staff members. Middle left: 1st row: Angela McMillon, Jimmy Wooldridge, Monisa Thompson, Rod Cascio, Leighanne Geisler. 2nd row: Lan Craft, Mike Douglas, Leslie McCants, Dawn Rivers, Paul Dulaney, Bill Adams, Jimmy Dobbins, Lisa Beason. 3rd row: Bradley Adair, Leah Mayo, Ormond Altick, Aimee Spence, Ray Rivers, Liz Montgomery, Bernard McKenzie, Wendy Worthen, Paige Ledoux, William Tosten, Tracie Mayo. Bottom right: Sponsor Donna Underwood pauses to reflect.



Publication Staffs Strive For Perfection

Layouts, design, headlines, rerses, overburns, rough drafts, pices — all are important in creating school's yearbook. This year's SILR SPUR staff, headed by Monisa ompson, worked tirelessly to oduce a quality yearbook.

Lisa Webster, Liz Montgomery, acie Mayo, Leah Mayo, Ellen Cole, rmond Altick, and William Tosten ended the Henington Publishing ompany summer workshop at NLU hile Bill Smith, Ray Rivers, Clare urrett, and Lea Thompson attended e photography workshop.

Coordinating all aspects of the ook, Monisa appointed section editors: Leah, favorites; Tracie and Paige Ledoux, classes; Ormond, faculty and activities; William, Jamie Fox, Bradley Adair, and Jimmy Dobbins, sports; Lisa Beason and Jimmy Dobbins, advertising; Lisa Webster and Liz, organizations. Typing involved Angela McMillon, Wendy Worthen, and Lisa Beason.

Pictures "make" a yearbook; photographers were Clare Durrett, Lea Thompson, Bill Smith, Dawn Rivers, and Ray Rivers. Clare and Lea became the darkroom duo after the Key Club donated an enlarger.

Usually selling out with each publication, the PONY EXPRESS was a success. During the year, an additional newspaper was sold three times for the elementary — the COLT EXPRESS.

The PONY EXPRESS was published monthly on the third Tuesday. All students enrolled in journalism contributed articles to the paper while elementary students wrote articles for their newspaper.

Important to the workings of the newspaper were Jimmy Dobbins, headlining; Lisa Beason, Angela McMillon, Karen Ledoux, typing; Rod Cascio, mimeographing; and Mrs. Donna Underwood, sponsor.

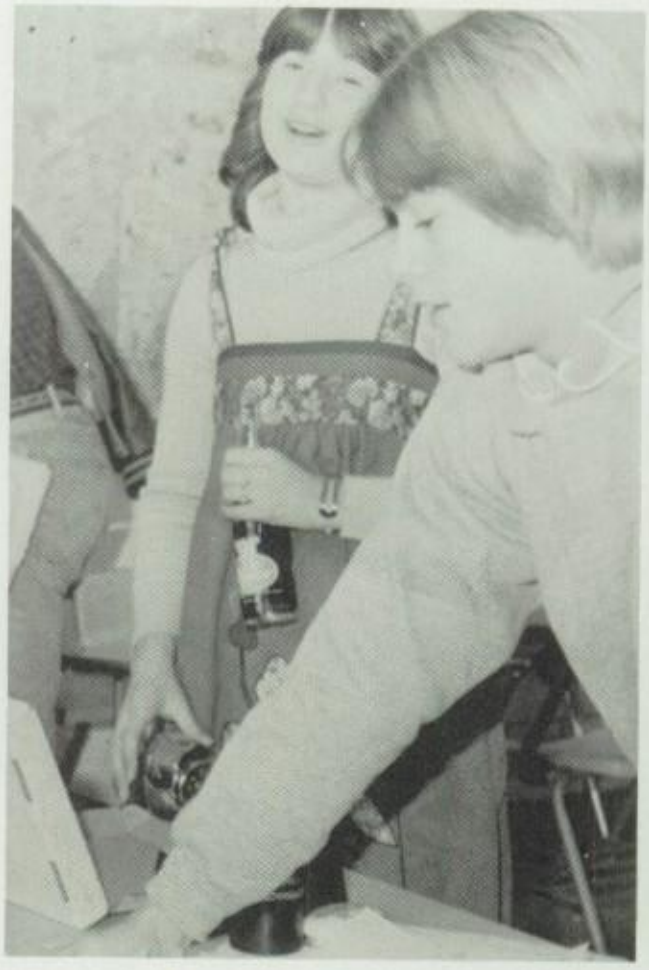
Speech Club Presents Gong

Featuring guest speakers such as Lenny Freeman of FM 102 and others from nearby colleges and television stations, the Speech Club was sponsored by Mrs. Donna Higdon, speech teacher.

The club was involved in many activities this year including debates, oral interpretations, choral readings, and the Christmas program, which was RO's own Gong Show.

In the spring members of the club participated in the LISA Forensic Contest held at Ridgedale Academy. At the contest Monisa Thompson received an excellent rating; Tina Vines and Jamie Fox, very good; and Wendy Worthen, outstanding. Kyle Thrasher advanced to the finals in standard oratory.

Officers of this organization were President Woody Ledbetter, vice-president William Tosten, Secretary Dawn Rivers, Treasurer, Leslie McCants. Program chairmen were Suzan Arnold and Alison Choate while Richard Crowe and Lan Craft were sergeants-at-arms.



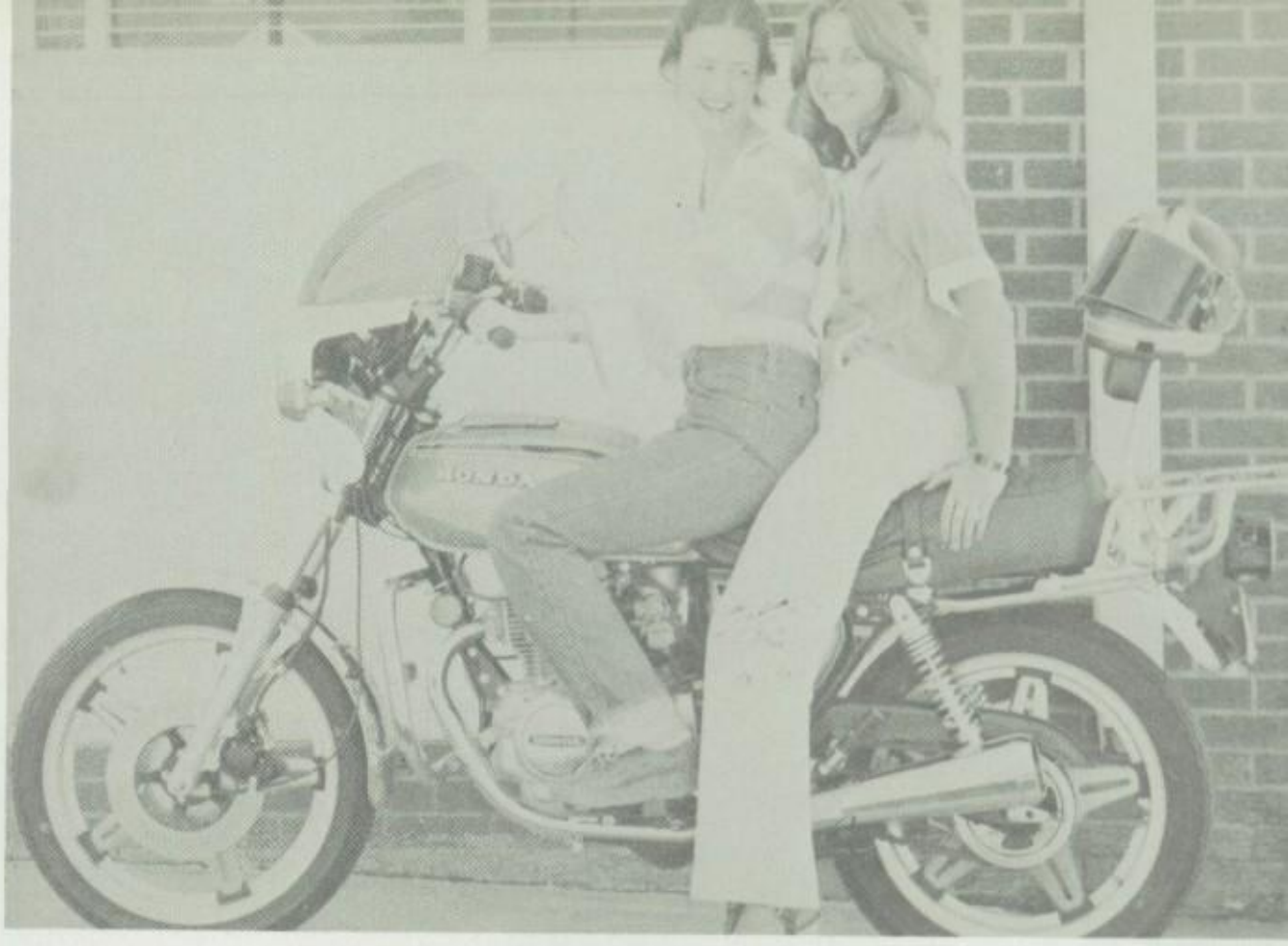
Show; Hears Lenny Freeman

Opposite page — top left: Morgan Wyatt watches as Ryan Sartor "pays up." Center: 1st row: Jeff Guerriero, Ryan Sartor, Kristen Anderson, Suzan Arnold, Alison Choate, Monisa Thompson. 2nd row: Stewart Gentry, Ashley Mingledorff, Ann Irby, Elizabeth Edwards, Merion Spence, Shannon Spooner, Jay Wallace, Donald Jones, Kyle Thrasher. 3rd row: Brooks Hamaker, Woody Ledbetter, Kevin Edwards, Rene Winegeart, Lan Craft, Wendy Worthen, Leslie McCants, Lisa Files, Leighanne Geisler, Mil Bodron. Bottom left: Officers are Sponsor Mrs. Higdon, Secretary Dawn Rivers, President Woody Ledbetter, Treasurer Leslie McCants, Vice-president William Tosten, Program Chairmen Alison Choate and Suzan Arnold. Bottom right: Disc jockey Lenny freeman speaks to group.
This page — top right: Kevin Edwards gives suggestions to his fellow club members. Middle: "The Unknown Comic", alias Jimmy Dobbins, tells jokes to Woody. Bottom left: Bradley Adair talks things over with Mrs. Santa Claus, Tracie Mayo.

Displaying an interest in the community, Art Club members made Christmas stockings for children in the Twin Cities and delivered a turkey to a needy family.

Members enjoyed a barbecue, took a field trip to Tech, and viewed several art-oriented films throughout the year.

President Tracie Mayo, Vice-President Tommy Russell, Secretary Paige Ledoux, Treasurer Renee Gannaway, and Party Chairman Wendy Worthen all contributed much time and energy to the club's activities and welcomed Masur Museum Director Bill Pratt as guest speaker at one of the meetings.



This page — top: Tracie Mayo and Paige Ledoux zoom into the art club's busy schedule. Middle: Skillfully working are Mark Grey and Richard Crowe. Bottom: Sally Mintz, Tracie Mayo, Bernard McKenzie, Paige Ledoux, Wendy Worthen, Tim Williams, Dawn Rivers, Andy Davidson, Mike Douglas, Howard Weigand, Roy Shotwell, Mac Oakley. Back row: Claire Durrett, Terri Rosenburg, Bradley Adair, Tommy Russell, Lan Craft.
Opposite page — top: 1978–1979 Art Club officers: Mil Bodron, Wendy Worthen, and Bradley Adair, party chairmen; Tracie Mayo, president; Paige Ledoux, secretary; Bernard McKenzie, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Kathy Dent, faculty sponsor. Middle left: Royce Deveny takes a break from art work. Middle right: Rod Cascio and Mrs. Dent take time out for a party. Bottom: Roy Shotwell, Wendy Worthen, Terri Rosenburg, Tracie Mayo, Paige Ledoux, Bradley Adair, Vernon Stevenson, Eric Worthen, and Renee Gannaway enjoy the party. Bottom left: Renee Gannaway smiles at the idea of being Art Club treasurer.

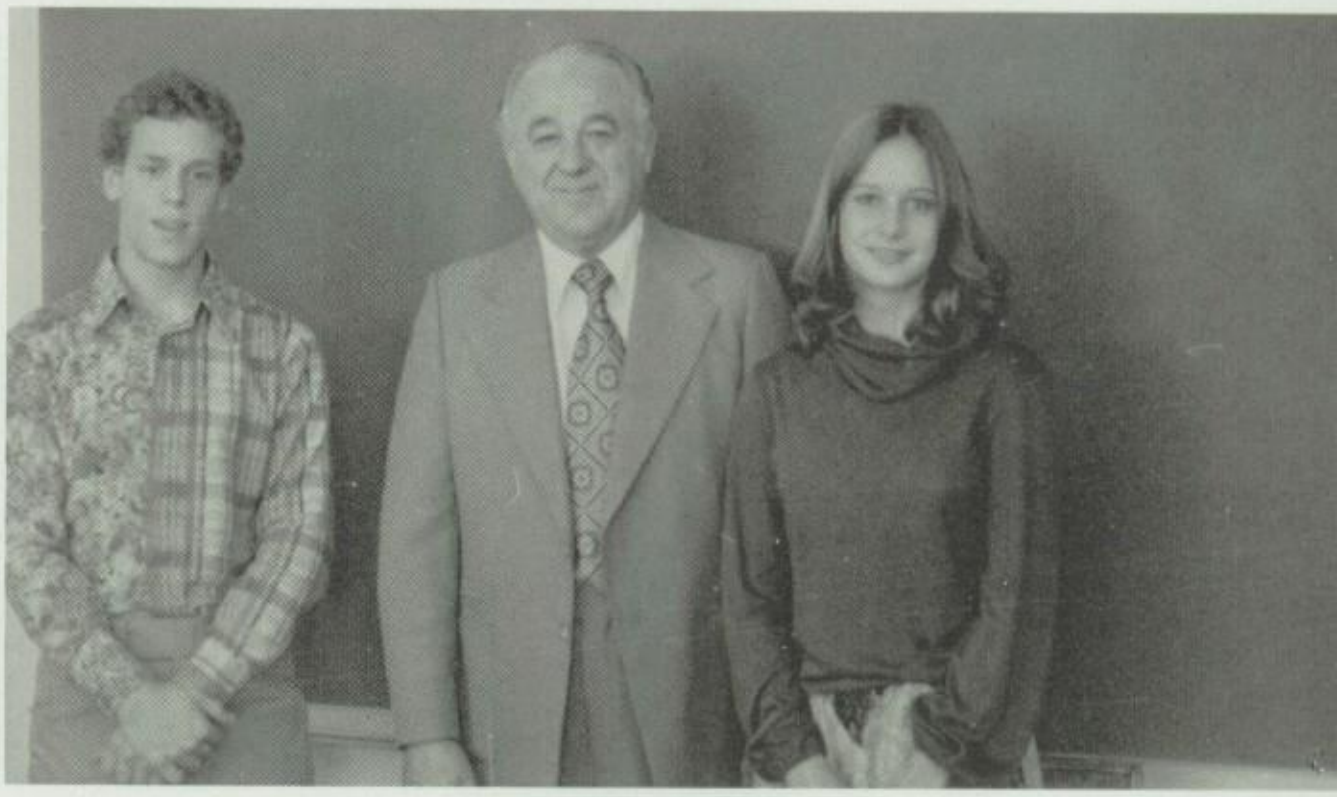
Art Club Aids Community

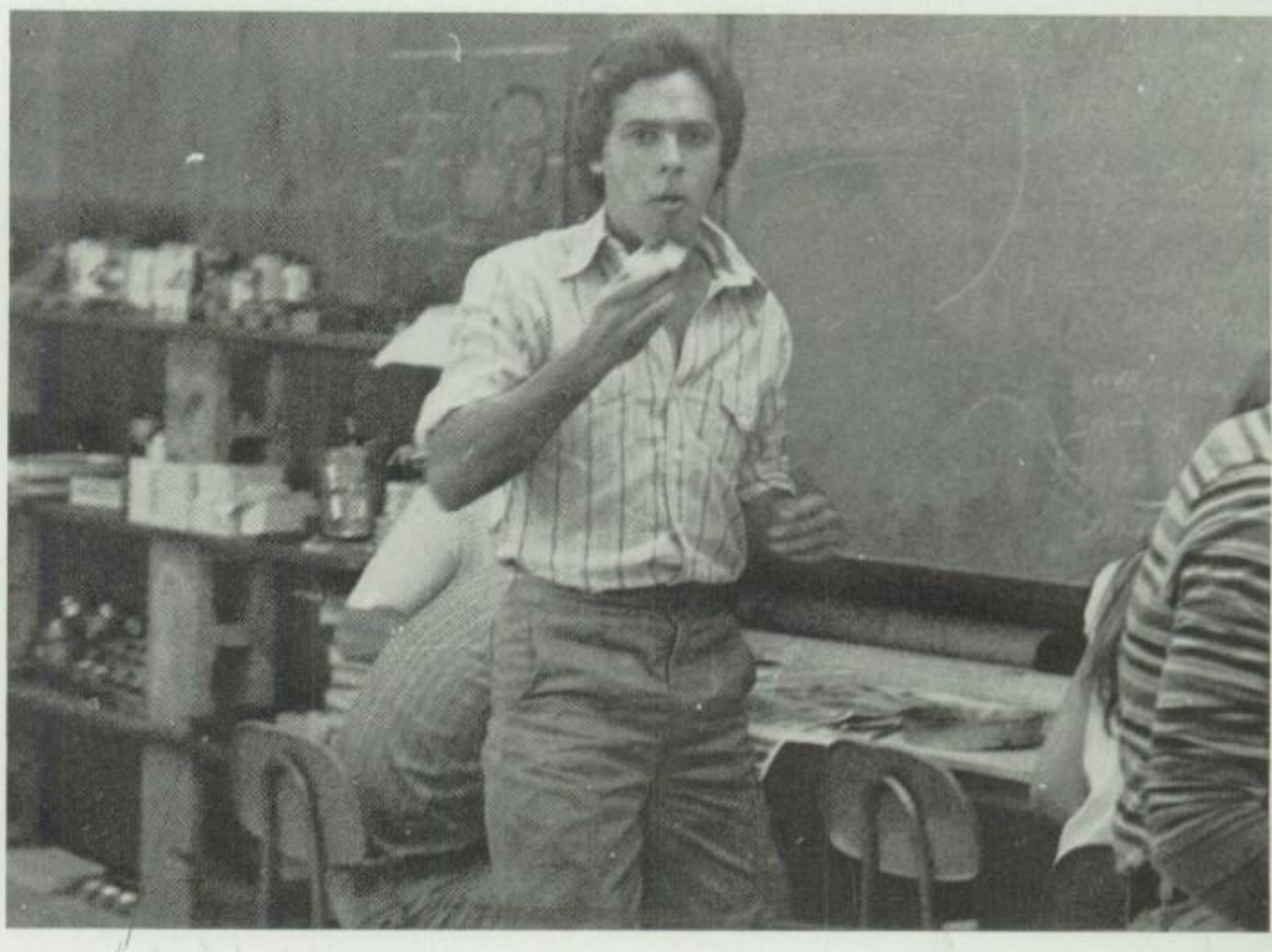
Mayor Jack L. Howard

Organized in 1972, the Business Club promotes an interest in and an understanding of the business world and encourages each member to attain a higher level of citizenship, leadership, and service.

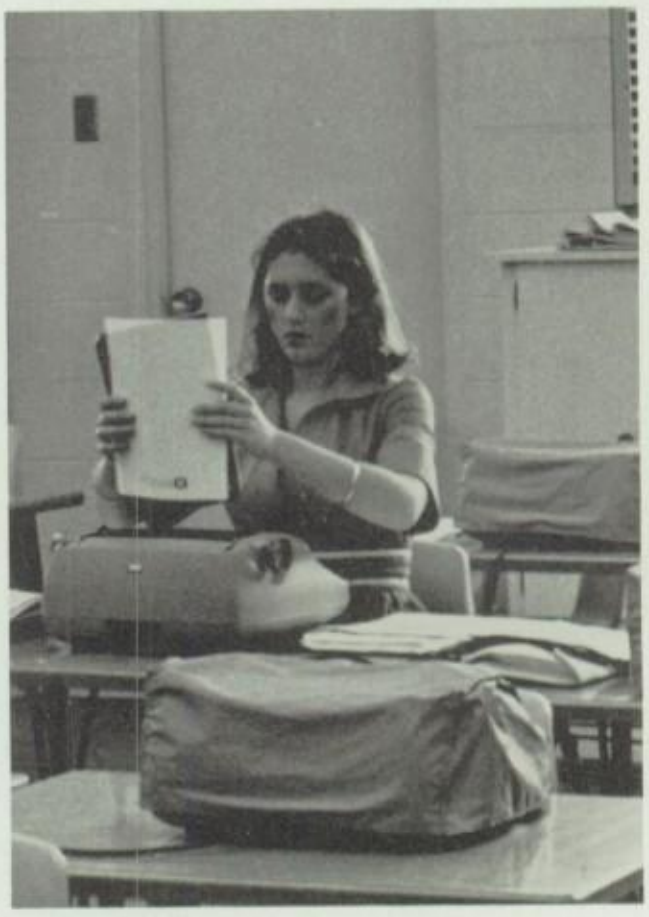
Sponsored by Mrs. Ellen Boatright, the club held regularly scheduled meetings during which representatives of the business world discussed various fields of work. This year Mayor Jack Howard addressed the organization concerning the keys to success in the business community.

Opposite page — top: Mayor Jack Howard poses with Rod Cascio and Dawn Rivers after his address to the club. Middle: Grayson Zeagler and Robert Keeling work hard in Typing I. Bottom left: Mrs. Boatright gives instructions. Bottom right: Mil Bodron enjoys the goodies at the Business Club meeting.
This page — top: 1st row — Lisa Beason, Monisa Thompson, Beverly Sloan, Rod Cascio, Dawn Rivers, Lan Craft, Leslie McCants, Leslie Cook, Mil Bodron, Richard Guerriero. 2nd row: Terri Rosenberg, Grayson Zeagler, William Tosten, Karen Ledoux, Stewart Gentry, Ray Rivers, Aimee Spence, Leah Mayo, Nancy Kelso, Jamie Fox. 3rd row: Jane Adams, David Smith, Vernon Stevenson, Robert Keeling, Angela McMillon, Julie Gates, Bobbie Wyatt, Kerry Kilpatrick, Mike Douglas, Wendy Worthen, Lisa Files. Bottom left: Officers are Treasurer Lan Craft, Vice-president Dawn Rivers, Sponsor Mrs. Ellen Boatright, Secretary Leslie McCants, President Rod Cascio. Bottom right: Jackie Petrus prepares another assignment.





Addresses Business Club



French Club Members Plan

This page — top left: French Club officers included Sally Mintz, social chairman; Liz Montgomery, treasurer; Will Sartor, vice-president; Kerry Kilpatrick, secretary; Lan Craft, sergeant-at-arms; Dawn Rivers, president; Priscilla Brown, social chairman. Top right: Priscilla and Sally enjoy first party of the year. Middle: French Club members group on field for picture. Bottom: Listening attentively are French Club members.
Opposite page — top: Rene Winegeart, Katherine Lauve, Kendra Daniels help themselves at the covered dish supper. Center left: Walter Ligon displays his "skill and daring." Center right: Cindy Fomby studies French lesson. Bottom left: Margo Tennis and Sally Mintz listen to French Club tapes. Bottom right: Joy Miller practices her French composition.

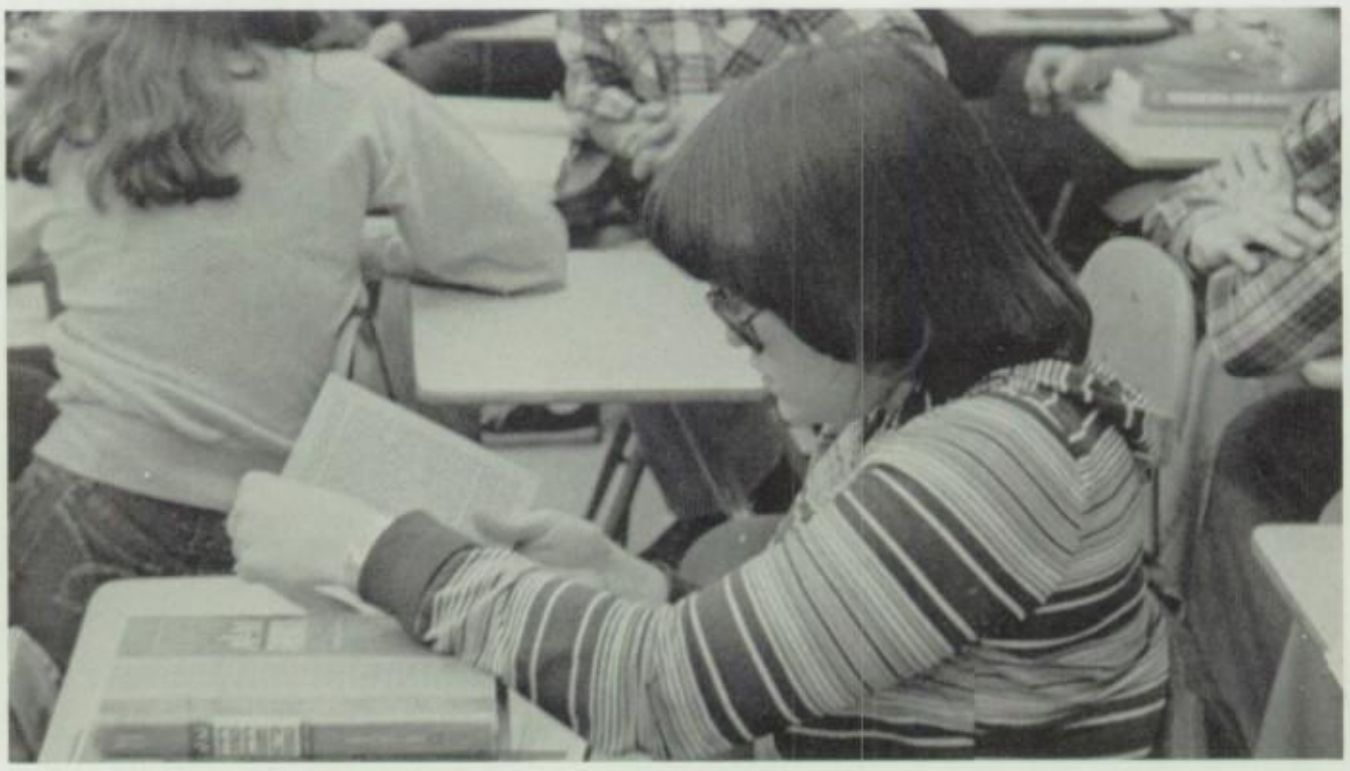
Numerous Parties During Year

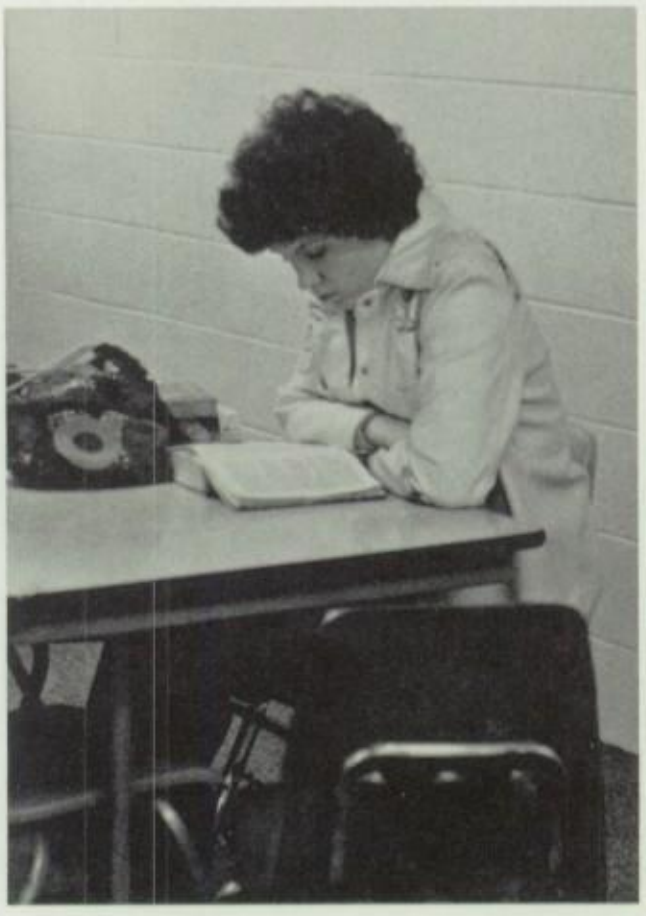
Beginning the year with a slide presentation by Mr. Lee Estess, the 60-member French Club celebrated the year with many parties. Among the parties were a fondue party, a hot dog party, a crepe party, a covered-dish supper, and an ice cream party.

Present at the parties were lovely French teaching assistants who are French citizens in the U.S. teaching French to elementary school students.

A project of the French II classes was corresponding with French students studying English in France. Club sponsor, Mrs. Joan Chardkoff, coordinated the year's activities.

Money raised by the group was used to purchase tapes for French classes and to enter students in the National French Contest.





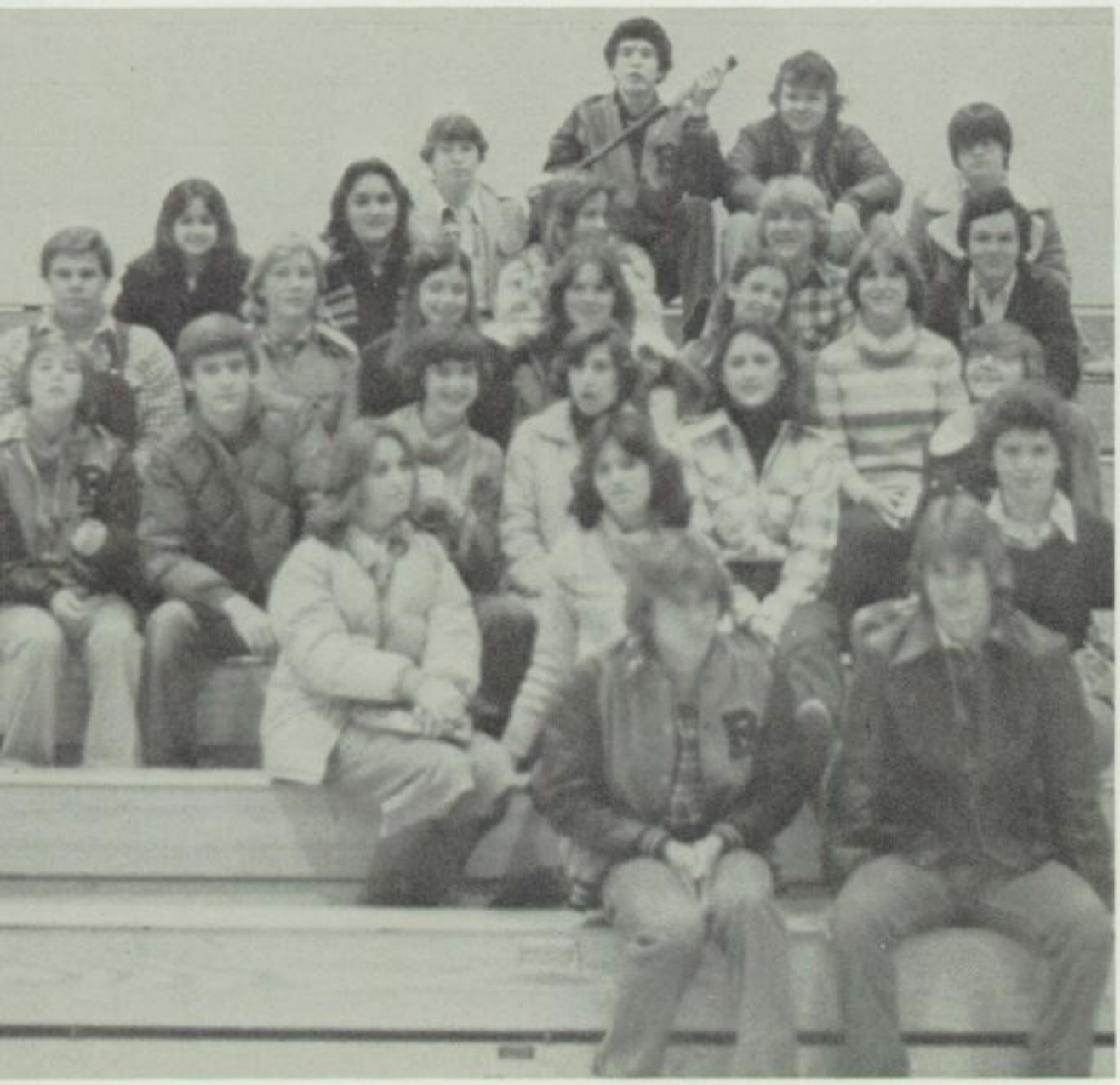
Spanish Club Attends NLU

This page — top: Vikki Southern and Mary Walker add life to the Spanish Club. Middle left: Paige Ledoux discusses club plans with Mr. McMakin. Middle center: Eric Worthen and Tim Williams comment during club meeting. Bottom: Presiding over the meeting are the club officers.
Opposite page — top: "Stacking up" as 1977–78 officers are Julie Ellington, party chairman; Ellen Cole, treasurer; Ormond Altick, secretary; Tim Williams, vice-president; Kelly Hubenthal, sergeant-at-arms; Lea Thompson, party chairman; Jimmy Dobbins, president. Bottom left: 1st row: Tim Williams, Mike Linzel. 2nd row: Paige Ledoux, Ormond Altick, Joy Miller. 3rd row: Elizabeth Sartor, Mac Oakley, Danelle Dupree, Mrs. Huber, Jackie Petrus, Lisa Illing. 4th row: Kelly Hubenthal, Lea Thompson, Ellen Cole, Blanche Mattison, Mary Walker, Julie Ellington. 5th row: Gil Guerriero, Libby Tirmenstein, Melanie Pierron, Mickey Masur, Clay Petrus. 6th row: Ron Sloan, Jimmy Dobbins, Billy Smith, David Smith. Bottom right: Ellen Cole "chows down" at the taco party.

Foreign Language Festival

Attending the NLU Foreign Language Festival in March was an interesting experience for Spanish Club members, who watched Spanish skits, and movies, learned folk dances and soccer basics. Sponsored by Mrs. Cinda Huber, the club elected Jimmy Dobbins, president; Tim Williams, vice-president; Ormond Altick, secretary; Ellen Cole, treasurer; Lea Thompson and Julie Ellington, party chairmen; Kelly Hubenthal, sergeant-at-arms.

A taco party at Ormond Altick's house was one way the Spanish Club widened the use of Spanish in everday life.



Library Assistants Aid Mrs. Ward

A new organization at River Oaks, the Library Assistants, contributed much to the library.

The aims and purposes of this organization were to increase student interest and participation in library work, to promote friendship and cooperation between the librarian and student librarians, as well as the student body and faculty.

The sponsors were Mrs. Ruth Ward, R.O. librarian, and Mrs. Nancy Illing. Officers of the organization were President, Lisa Illing; Vice-President, Polly Shotwell; Secretary, Andrea Weaks; Treasurer, Amanda Caskey; Reporter, Susan Illing; Program Chairman, Suzan Arnold.

The Assistants presented each teacher and made available to the students an audio-visual handbook. Also, the assistants visited the N.L.U. and La. Tech Libraries.

A highlight of the year was traveling to Baton Rouge in February to attend the State Teenage Library Convention. At the convention the girls were involved in tours, work sessions, dances, a book bee, political rally, and shopping in the large Baton Rouge malls.

The assistants performed community service project by helping fill courtesy bags with gifts from local businesses to give to the school, public and academic librarians at the La. Library Convention in Monroe.

Top left: Officers are Andrea Weaks, Amanda Caskey, and Lisa Illing. Top right: Amanda shelves books. Middle left: Leith Parks readies for convention. Middle right: Andrea Weaks helps Mrs. Ward arrange art display. Bottom: Members include Mauri Walker, Andrea Weaks, Gay Southern, Amanda Caskey, Lisa Illing, Melissa Parker, Amy Stevens, Leith Parks, Wendy Windsor, Caroline Carter, and Susan Illing.

National Honor Society Formed

LeChene chapter of the National Honor Society was formed at River Oaks in the spring. In an impressive Sunday afternoon ceremony, officers were installed. Serving in 1978–79 will be President Edel Blanks, Vice-president Mickey Masur, Secretary Jim Bell, and Treasurer Bobbie Wyatt.

Senior honorary charter members were Lisa Beason, Stephen Brown, Rod Cascio, Andy Davidson, Jimmy Dobbins, Richard Guerriero, Kay Loflin, Tracie Mayo, Leslie McCants, Angela McMillon, Joy Miller, Mac Oakley, Dawn Rivers, and Monisa Thompson.

Juniors inducted were Jim Bell, Edel Blanks, Ellen Cole, Mark Dallalio, Betsy Ellis, Woody Ledbetter, Mickey Masur, Blanche Mattison, Leah Mayo, Liz Montgomery, Catherine Shemwell, Beverly Sloan, David Smith, Vernon Stevenson, Lea Thompson, Tim Vines, Lisa Webster, Tim Williams, Bobbie Wyatt, Ford Williams, Gerald Gates, Kathy Hereford, Nancy Kelso, and Kerry Kilpatrick.

Top: Officers stand as senior members are announced. Bottom left: Edel, Mickey and Jim assume responsibilities of their new offices. Bottom right: Lisa Webster enjoys punch and cookies after the installation ceremony.

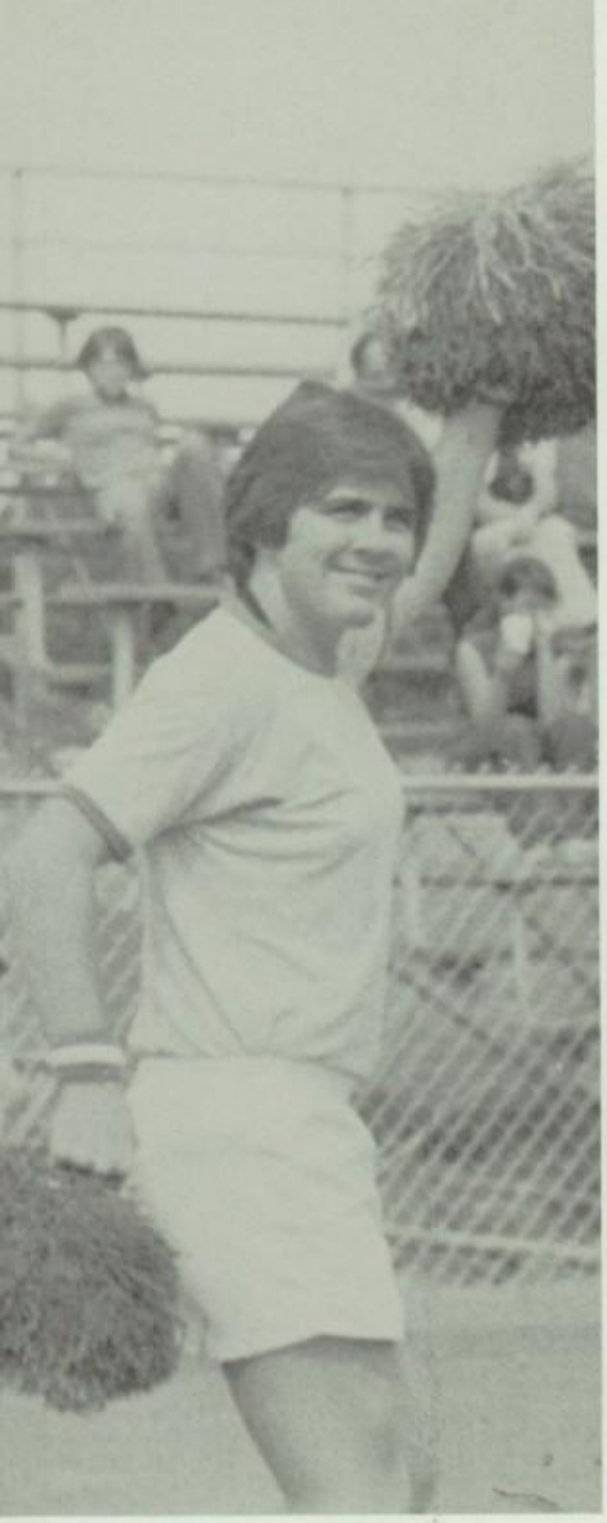
Interact Club Promotes RO Athletics

This year the Interact Club was very active in and out of school. Sponsored by Mr. Steve Kamerman and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ledoux, the Interact Club members elected Tommy Clay, president; Richard Crowe, vice-president; Paul Dulaney, secretary; Mike Douglas, treasurer; Lan Craft, sergeant-at-arms; and Tommy Russell, social chairman.

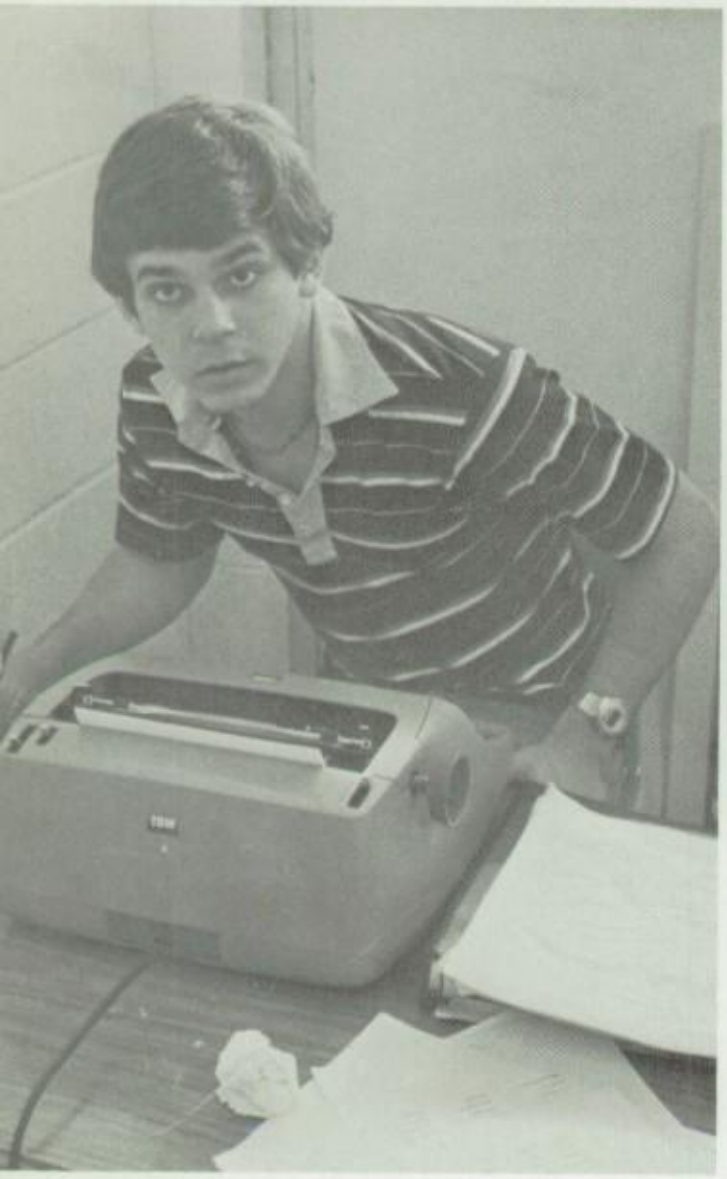
The aim of the organization was to combine the efforts of the individuals for the benefit of the school and community. Building upstanding members for the leaders of the future was a primary goal.

During the year, the club sponsored a powder puff football game and a raffle for a goose-down vest. The money raised was used for club activities such as a pig roast, a barbecue, and a crawfish boil. In addition, the Interact Club installed a phone in the coaches' office and bought practice uniforms for the basketball team.

This page — top left: Party plans cause Scott Bradford to grin. Top right: Billy, the club's mascot, takes time for a snack. Middle: 1st row: Stuart Brown, Kelly White, Ryan Sartor, Donald Jones, Tim Vines, Brooks Hamaker. 2nd row: Lee Jenkins, Andy Davidson, Rod Cascio, Kurt Merriman, Tim Williams, Randy Pipes, Mike Linzel, Will Sartor, Joe Simpson. 3rd row: Paul Dulaney, Lan Craft, Stephen Brown, Mike Douglas, Mac Oakley, Todd Mahaffey, Bradley Adair, Walter Ligon, Edel Blanks, Ron Sloan. 4th row: Pete Trinca, Curtis Houston, Scott Bradford, Bill Adams, Bernard McKenzie, Robbie Ellington, Stephens Winters, Lynn Hightower, Ray Rivers, Mickey Masur, Stewart Gentry.
Opposite page — top left: Steve Kamerman, sponsor; Mike Douglas, treasurer; Lan Craft, sergeant-at-arms; Paul Dulaney, secretary; Bernard McKenzie, social chairman. Top right: Randy Pipes expresses his opinion. Middle left: Keith Gilley shows true Interact spirit. Middle right: Sweethearts include Liz Montgomery, Katherine Ryan, Lisa Files, Leslie McCants, Karen Ledoux. Bottom right: Mike "Fonzie" Page, a new member, says, "Hey!"



Key Club Donates Enlgarger



Helps With Jaycee Special Olympics

Having one of its most successful years, the Key Club sponsored both money-raising and service projects. Traditionally, members assisted the Monroe Kiwanis Club with its annual pancake supper.

With the money raised from the powder puff basketball game, Key Club members purchased an Omega enlarger for the yearbook staff's darkroom. Another fund-raising project was selling biorhythm-charts and calendars to students and faculty; members helped with the key-punching of the computer for this project.

In the spring, the Key Club coached in the Northeast Louisiana Special Olympics at NLU, sponsored by the Monroe Jaycees.

Sweethearts were Wendy Worhten, Margo Tennis, Kay Loflin, Lea Thompson. Sponsored by Mr. Al Blackwell, the club elected the following officers: President Richard Guerriero, Vice-president Jim Bell, Secretary-treasurer Ford Williams, Sergeant-at-arms Jamie Fox.

Opposite page — top: Senior girls smile after a victorious fund-raising basketball game. Middle left: President Richard makes plans for the next meeting. Middle right: Sweetheart Kay Loflin observes the monthly meeting. Bottom left: Sweetheart Lea Thompson proudly displays the check from the club for the enlarger. Bottom right: Jim Bell says, "We're No. 1."

This page — top: Officers coordinated all projects. Bottom: Sitting — David Smith, Ansel Smith, Richard Guerriero, Jim Bell. Standing — Jamie Fox, Jimmy Dobbins, Mil Bodron, Bob Bell, Brad Armintor, Ford Williams, Robert Keeling, Grayson Zeagler, Kelly Hubenthal, Chip Norman, Gerald Gates, Mr. Blackwell.

Student Council, "21,000 Pencils!"

Twenty-one thousand blue RO pencils! This was the number of pencils Andy Davidson, Student Council President, ordered by mistake in '78, when 140 "gross" pencils were ordered instead of 140 "dozen." Luckily, half of the pencils ordered were returned to the company, while the others were sold in the school store.

President Andy Davidson, Vice-president Kurt Merriman, and Secretary-treasurer Kay Loflin were officers elected by the students. Chairmen of special committees were Mark Dallalio, Ansel Smith, Sally Mintz, Wendy Worthen, and Edel Blanks. Mr. Walter Dunn served as sponsor.

The purposes and main aims of the Student Council were to establish and maintain high moral and scholastic standards, to develop a growing appreciation of democracy learned through experience in school, and to represent the student body and the school in all necessary activities.

Meeting during fourth period on the first Tuesday monthly, the Student Council instigated many new activities this year. After many of the home football games, the Student Council sponsored discos. Also, the SC had a raffle of a Selber's gift certificate. Opened at break daily, the school store sold ice cream and school supplies. A colorful and special occasion was the Homecoming Dance, held in the gym with "Mad Dog" running a disco.

The Student Council Convention was held during March at Ridgedale Academy. Those attending were Edel Blanks, Mark Dallalio, Kay Loflin, and Andy Davidson.

Opposite page — top: Council member Wendy Worth considers a pending proposal. Center: Ann Harrop, Thomas Sartor, Nancy Lary, Jackie Petrus, Julie Ellington, Ansel Smith, Liz Montgomery, Edel Blanks, William Tosten, Mr. Walter Dunn, Kay Loflin, Richard Guerriero, Andy Davidson, Kurt Merriman, Lan Craft, Wendy Worthen, Rod Cascio, Mickey Masur, Mark Dallalio, Lea Thompson, Mary Walker, Sally Mintz, Karen Smith, Nan Cox, Walter Sartor, Charlie Jones, Rachel Hunefeld. Bottom left: Edel Blanks addresses the membership. Bottom right: Mr. Dunn, Andy, and Kay prepare to begin the meeting.
This page — top left: Andy calls meeting to order. Top right: While attending Student Council Convention at Ridgedale, Mark Dallalio takes a break. Center: Discussing the pencil problem are Andy, Mr. Dunn, and Kurt. Bottom: Attending convention are Edel, Liz, and Mark.

Booster Club Spearheads

A never-tiring, hard-working group of parents supporting all athletics at River Oaks described the Booster Club of 1977–78. Officers were Mrs. Mary Jackson Loflin, president; Mrs. Eugene Worthen, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Tosten, secretary; and Mr. Henry Williamson, treasurer.

The club honored several of its members; Mrs. Helen Ledbetter was given a track letter for coordinating the fund-raising for the track. Also, Bob Ellington was named "Booster of the Week" for his support of the football team. With the first pitch thrown at the Mustang's new baseball diamond, Mrs. Thomas Youngblood presented a trophy commemorating this important event to Mr. Bill Adair, who was instrumental in building the diamond. Later, the trophy was added to the trophy case.

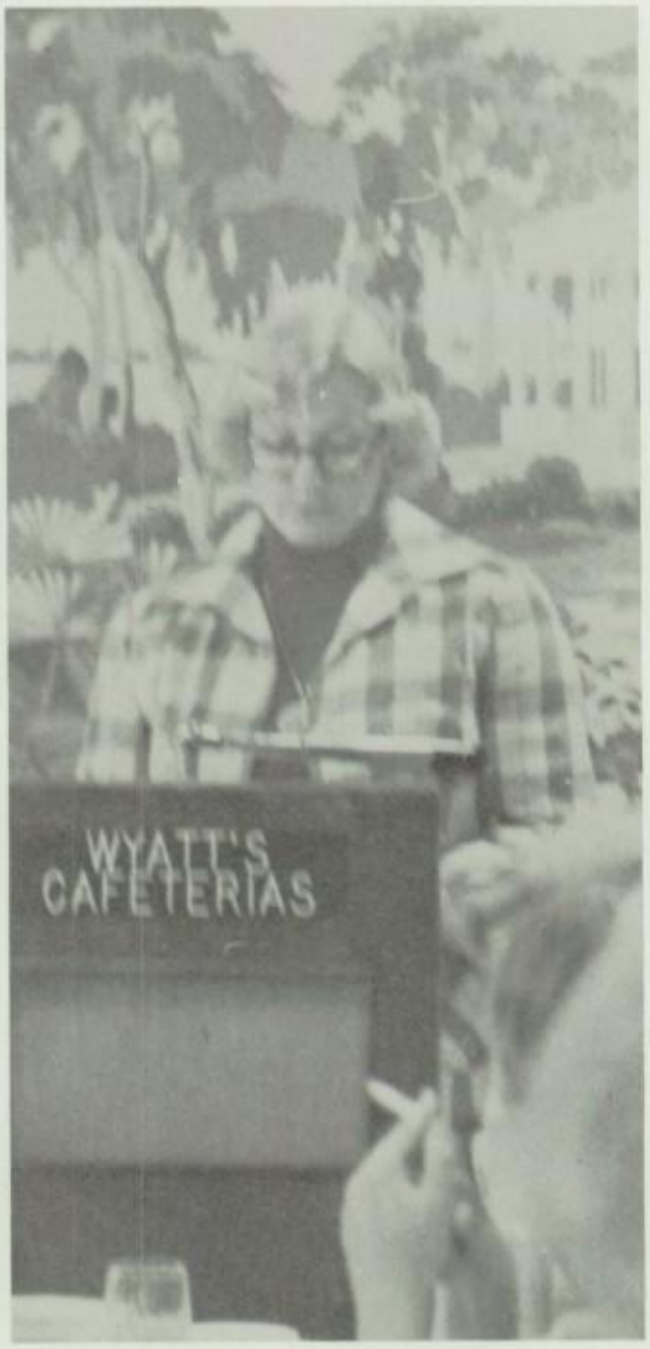
Major projects included the track, which was completed in the fall. Club members also painted the football bleachers, built the baseball field with fences and dugouts, and purchased track equipment.

Having garage sales and raffles to raise money for their many projects, the Boosters sponsored hamburger and hot dog suppers to honor athletes throughout the year.

The Booster Club was a definite asset in Mustang athletics.

This page — top: Booster Club members dine at Wyatt's before a weekly meeting. Bottom left: Coach Kamerman sets up batting screens for the new baseball field, which was constructed by the Boosters. Bottom right: Sundance Kids show off "RO Fans" given by the Booster Club.
Opposite page — top left: New track adds new dimensions to RO sports complex. Top right: Secretary Sara Tosten reads minutes of the last meeting. Bottom left: Mrs. Ransom tells club of new money-making projects. Bottom right: Mrs. Coflin, Mrs. Tosten, Mrs. Craighead listen to ideas at meeting.

Building of Athletic Complex



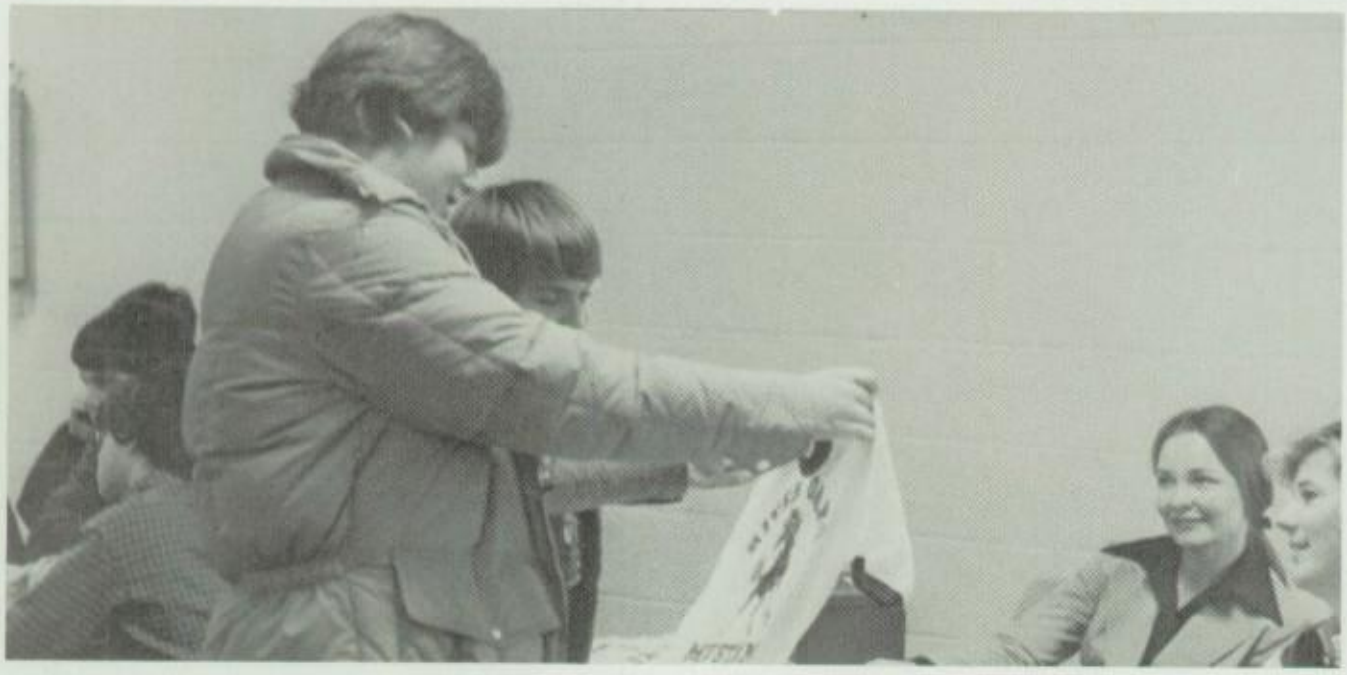
Parents' Club Works to Improve RO

Making River Oaks School the best in the area is the goal of the Parents' Club. Officers in 1977–78 were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spooner, president; Mrs. W. W. Buller, vice-president; and Mrs. Norman McMillon, secretary-treasurer.

Among the projects of the club were an open house for the parents to meet the teachers and administration, a fall home tour, and manning the concession stands at football and basketball games. For Homecoming club members organized the hot dog supper before the bonfire, the presentation assembly, and halftime ceremonies.

In addition, the Parents' Club helped with the Jr.-Sr. "Cute as Christmas" decorations and tour of homes. Also, this organization "rounded up" everything for a successful Corral Day and the All-Sports Banquet. Graduation was another of the club's projects.

Top: Officers were Secretary-treasurer Floy McMillon, Vice-president Lanelle Buller, President Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spooner. Middle left: Charles Rosamond examines t-shirts sold by the Parents' Club on Corral Day, Middle right: Mrs. Frank Spooner diligently addresses newsletters to RO parents. Bottom: Attentive parents listen to club plans.

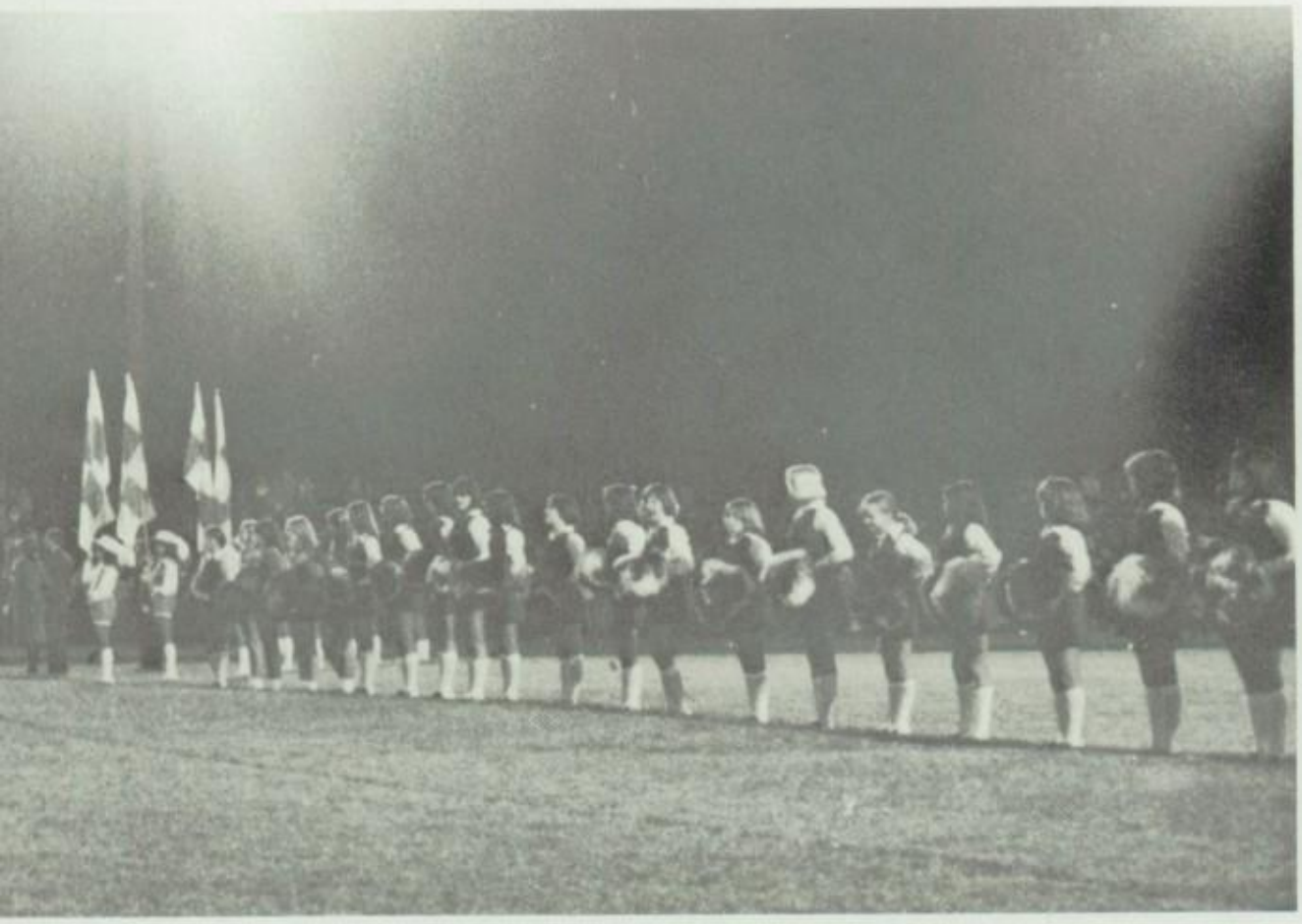


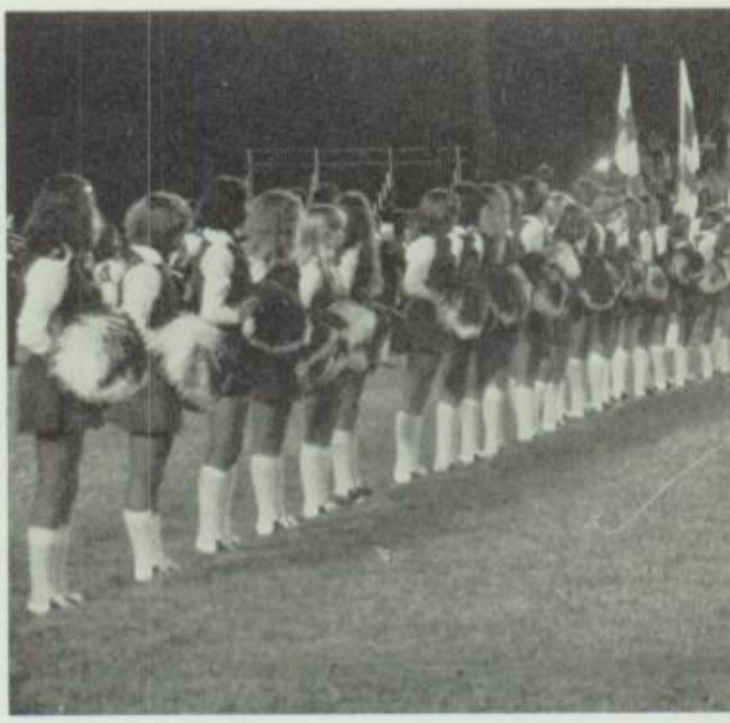
Rangerettes Add to Mustang Spirit

Contributing much time and spirit to the 1977 mustang football season, the Rangerettes numbered fity girls from grades seven through twelve. Sponsored by Miss Camille Hardy, the girls were lead by Amanda Caskey, captain; and Pam Cline, co-captain. Squad leaders included Merion Spence, Beth Stewart, Amy Wallace, Marie Tennis, Virginia Armstrong, and Blair Cudd.

The Rangerettes added extra activities this year, including a special formation for Homecoming during the half-time presentation. Also, they presented Halloween candy to the players before the game.

Top: 1st row: Leslie Winter, Lisa Illing, Rachel Hunefeld. 2nd row: Gretcher Guerriero, Diana Gentry, Amy Wallace. 3rd row: Polly Shotwell, Robin Rivers, Ef'Anne Surrett. 4th row: Shirley Kusin, Ann Harrop, Krista Ray. Middle left: Pep squad gets information for Homecoming. Middle right: Members watch as Wendy is presented. Bottom: Rangerettes wait for the team to run through.





Mustang Band Rated Superior

Meeting daily during fourth period, the Mustang band had a very active year. Directed by Mr. Richard Hood, the 38-member group elected Grayson Zeagler, president; Joe Simpson, vice-president; Melanie Pierron, secretary-treasurer; Cheryl Impson, librarian; Kathy Hereford, party chairman; Ford Williams, high school representative; and Lindy McMickle, Junior High representative.

Performing at football and basketball games, All-District band festival, solo and ensemble festival, band members qualify for band by having one year of previous instruction. The elementary band, which met daily fifth period, consisted of 17 members in fifth or sixth grades.

A new band addition was the Flag Corps consisting of Kyle Thrasher, Gil Guerriero, Dawn Mickey, Penny Masur, Kaye Guin, Margaret Marshall, and Katherine Lauve.

Receiving band honors in '77–'78 were the following: Nancy Lary, Jay Miller — Jr. High All-District; Ford Williams, Brad Armintor, Bob Bell, Grayson Zeagler — High School All-District; Walter Sartor, Ford Williams, Grayson Zeagler, Bob Bell, Melissa Parker, Ruth Masur, Amy Stephens, Nan Cox, Melanie Pierron, Kristen Anderson, Mauri Walker — Solo Ensemble; Grayson Zeagler, Ford Williams — All-State.

Also, Nancy Lary, Suzan Arnold, Libby Tirmenstein, Cheryl Impson, Ford Williams, Kristen Anderson, Melanie Pierron, Brad Armintor, Charles Whitaker, Bob Bell, Charles Rosamond, Grayson Zeagler, Joe Simpson, Mickey Masur — LISA Honor Band.

Rated superior at District Band Festival, the Mustang Band attended State Band Festival in April, where it received a superior, and presented its annual concert in May.

This page — top: Officers pose for a picture. Middle left: River Oaks' band practices casually with Grayson Zeagler directing. Right: A distinguished band director, Mr. Hood! Opposite page — top left: The band plays in pep assembly. Top right: Walter Sartor practices one more time. Middle: Grayson shows Colby how it's done. Bottom: 1st row: Melanie Pierron, Kristen Anderson, Mauri Walker, Lindy McMickle, Ruth Masur, Amy Stephens, Nan Cox, Melissa Parker. 2nd row: Ford Williams, Cheryl Impson, Libby Tirmenstein, Suzie Arnold, Nancy Lary, Bret Armintor, Eric Womack, Charles Whitaker. 3rd row: Brad Armintor, Bob Bell, Grayson Zeagler, Jay Miller, Elise Davidson, Troy McCullen, Kendall Lanningham. 4th row: Walter Sartor, Harris Brown, Ann Ware, Charles Rosamond, Mr. Hood.

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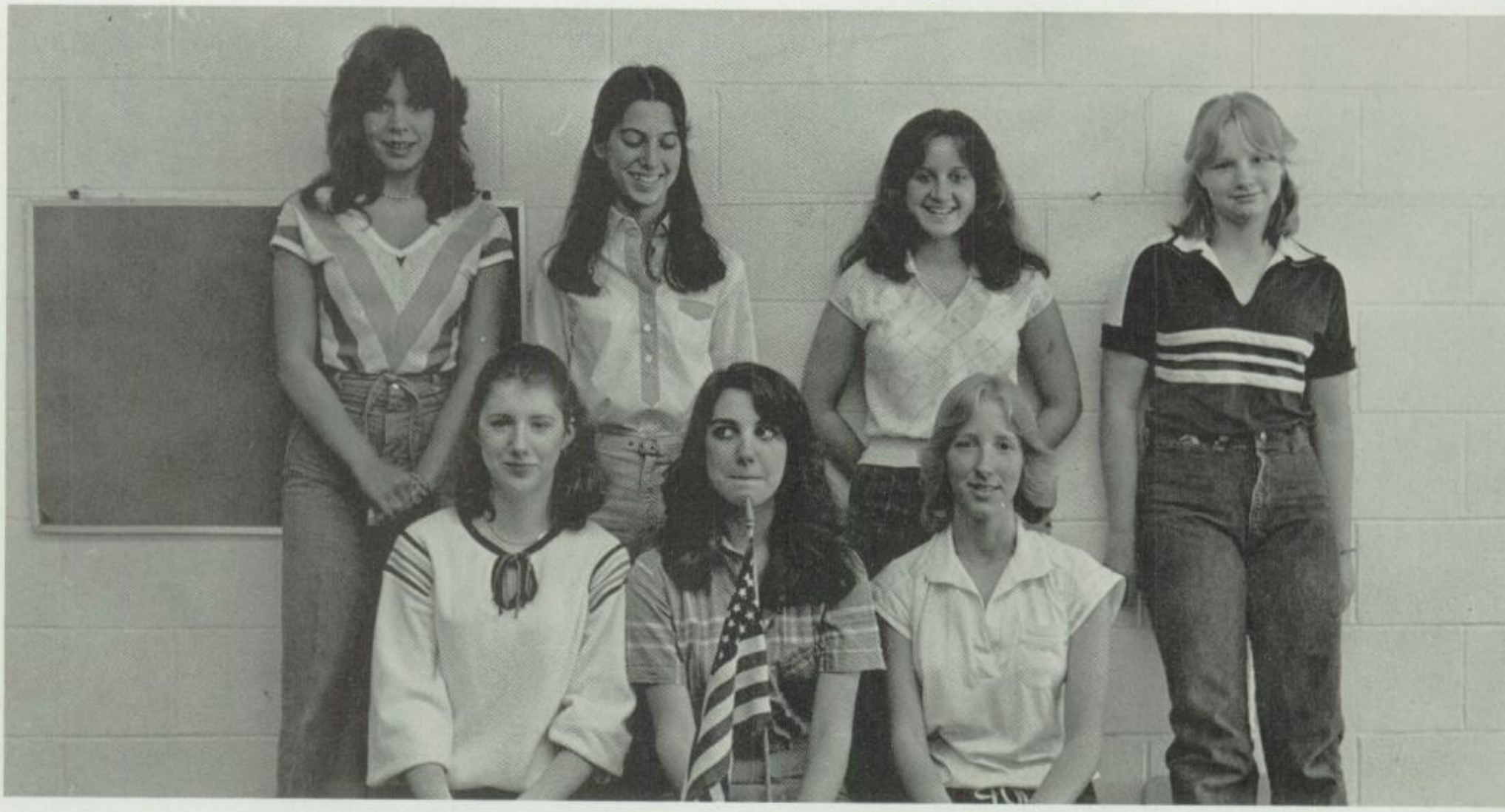
Band Adds Flag Corps



This page — top: Flag corps members — First row: Kyle Thrasher, Dawn Mickey, Gwen Parker. Second row: Kaye Guin, Penny Masur, Gil Guerriero, Kathryn Lauve. Middle left: The River Oaks' Flag Corps and Band perform at Homecoming half-time. Middle right: Ford Williams seems pleased at winning all-district and all-state. Bottom right: The band performs at at home football game.
Opposite page — top left: Grayson and Colby are still practicing. Top right: Colby wears his music group shirt. Middle left: Fifth grade band members — First row: Robin Irwin, Kristin Trinca, Ann Bridsong. Second row: Patrick Booker, Paul Tennis, Jamie Cook, Stewart McMickle. Middle right: Kathy Hereford expresses her opinion about the band performance at Northeast. Bottom: Sixth grade band members — First row: Neville Shafto, Jessica Kleppinger, Cindy Bradley, Kim Deveney. Second row: John Ward, Jack McCants, Clint Thompson, Gus Peterson, Johnny Miller, David Vines.

to Halftime Presentations

Sundance Kids Kick Up Spirit

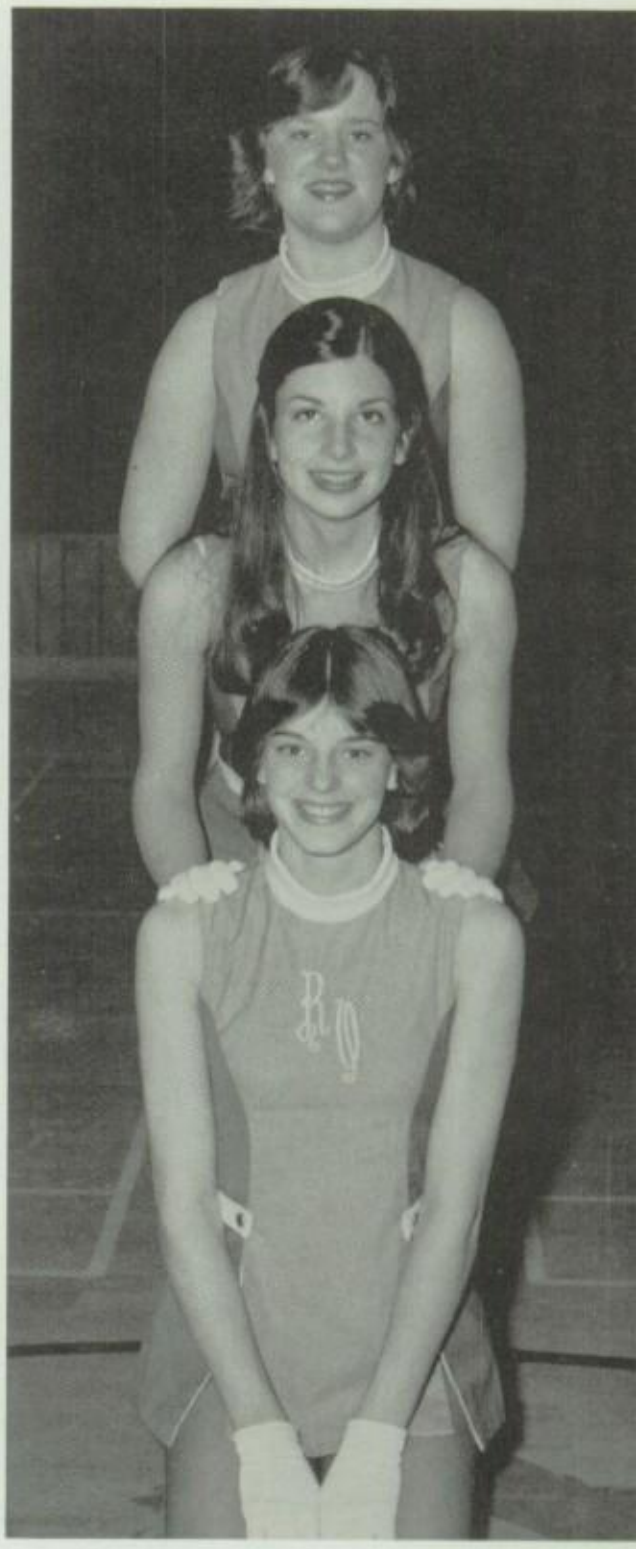
Sponsored by Mrs. Luan Carlton and Mrs. Baby Loflin, the Sundance Kids Dance and Drill Team consisted of seventeen members with Ellen Cole serving as captain and Aimee Spence and Bobbie Wyatt, co-captains. The aim of this organization is to provide spirit, as well as entertainment, for the school and studnts.

Qualifications for the squad included being at least a sophomore and having participated in one extracurricular activity for at least one year.

During the summer the Sundance kids attended a drill camp at Southern Methodist University, where they learned new dances and techniques from the Kilgore Rangerettes. At this camp, Aimee Spence Kathy Hereford, and Jackie Petrus were recognized for their outstanding dancing skills.

In addition to performing at RO football games and pep assemblies, the SDK's performed at a NLU women's basketball game on January 30.

Throughout the year the Sundance Kids sponsored projects such as raffles and cake sales to help finance the organization's activities.



Opposite page — top left: Jackie Petrus, a SDK, is caught eating. Top right: Outstanding SDK's are Bobbie Wyatt, co-captain; Ellen Cole, captain; and Aimee Spence, co-captain. Bottom: 1st row: Vikkie Southern, Marquerite Martin, Lisa Webster, Ellen Cole, Catherine Shemwell, Kathy Hereford, Julie Ellington. 2nd row: Mary Walker, Bobbie Wyatt, Liz Montgomery, Danelle Dupree, Kerry Kilpatick, Jackie Petrus, Aimee Spence, Blanche Mattison, Leah Mayo.
This page — top: Everyone's so positive! Middle: SDK's are trying.

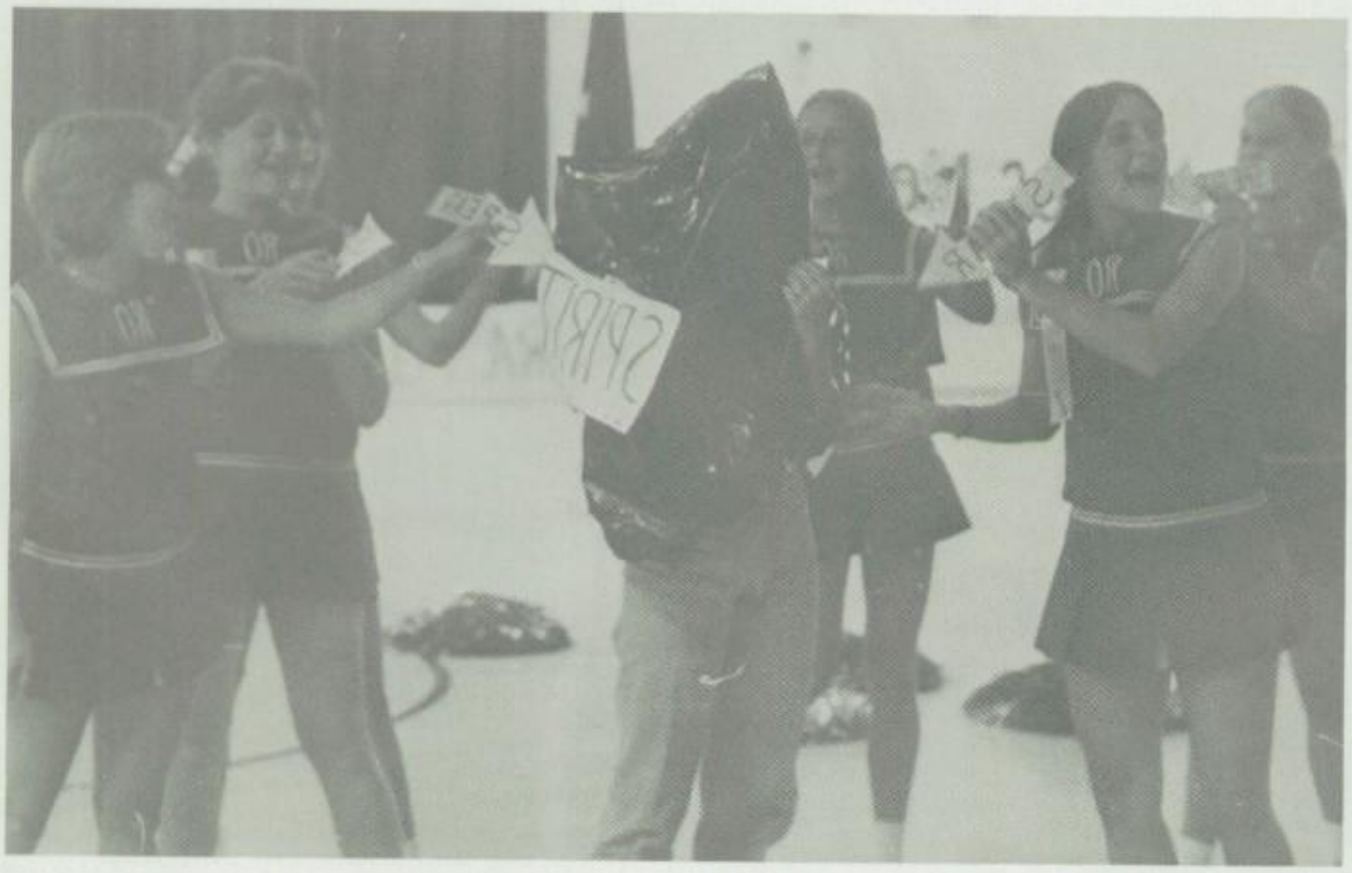
Varsity Cheerleaders Spark Enthusiasm, #1 at Camp

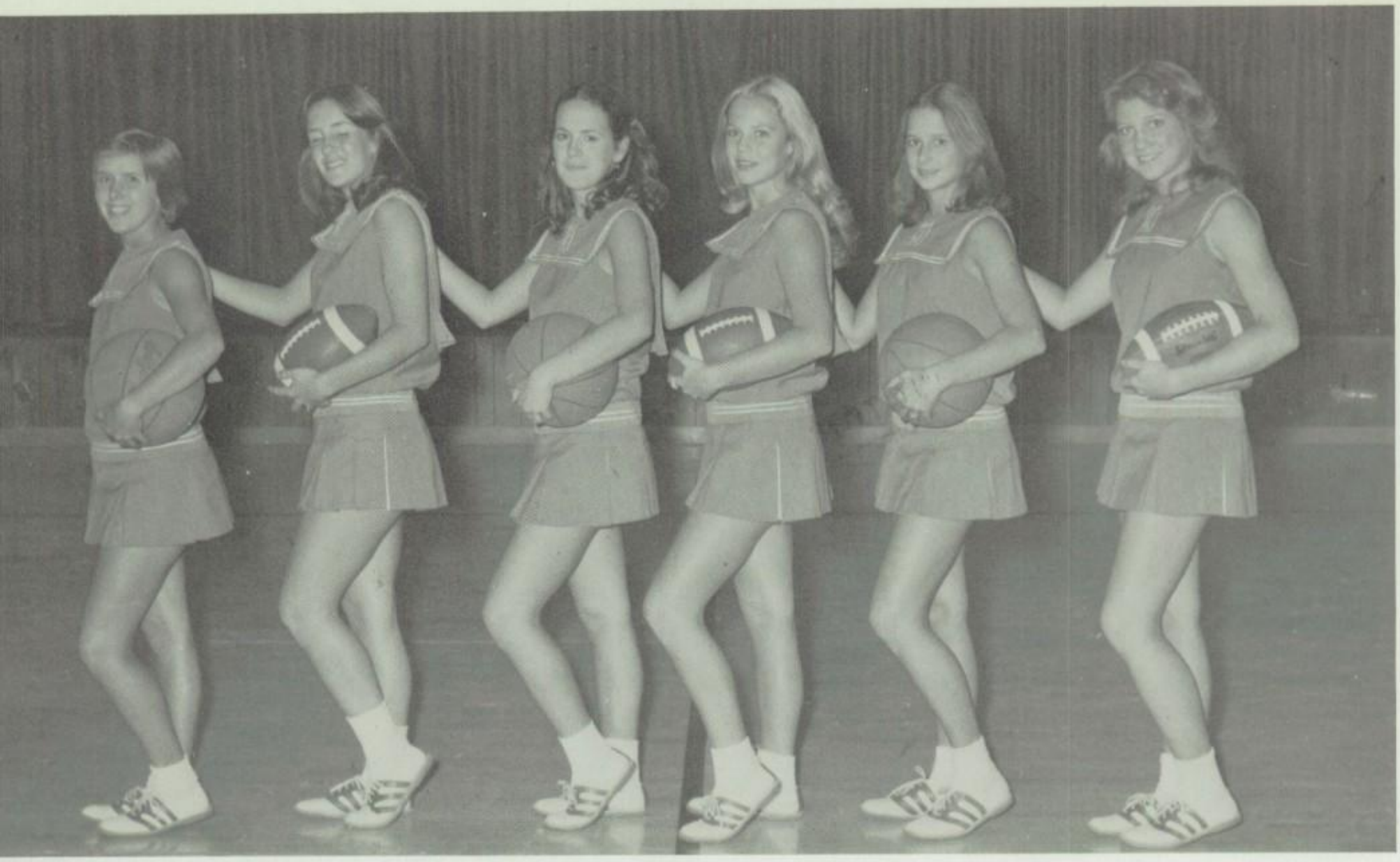
Besides sparking spirit at RO pep rallies and games, the varsity cheerleaders won much fame by singing the FM-102 jingle on KNOE television in the spring.

Lead by head cheerleader Wendy Worthen and sponsored by Mrs. Anita Fleming, the squad began the year early by attending the DCA cheerleading camp at the University of Houston. In addition to winning spirit ribbons there, the girls were named "Best Overall Group."

After camp the varsity cheerleaders conducted an elementary cheerleader clinic, the homecoming bonfire, poster parties, and they furnished Kool-aid and other "goodies" for the football and basketball teams.

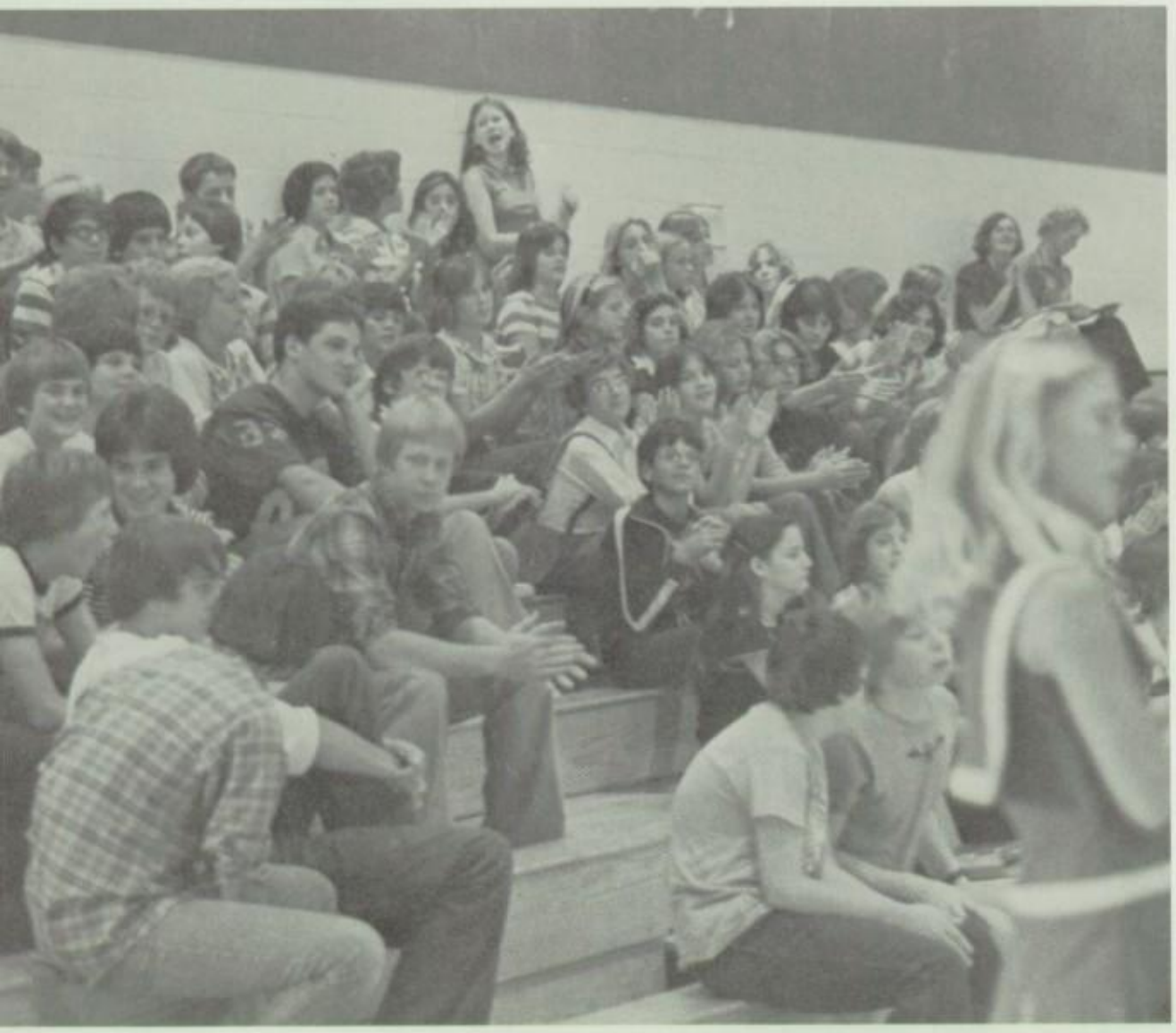
This page — top right: Wendy tries to concentrate before a big game. Middle: Cheerleaders have a "spear-it" contest. Bottom left: Karen Ledoux bubbles with joy at another victory. Bottom right: Elizabeth Sartor shows her true spirit.
Opposite page — top: Elizabeth Sartor, Wendy Worthen, Leslie McCants, Karen Ledoux, Dawn Rivers, Lisa Files. Bottom left: Cheerleaders throw basketballs to encourage spirit. Bottom right: Another poster party was held to create a "run through" sign.





Junior High Cheerleaders Add to

Their Team's Undefeated Season



Skits and pep rallies were only a few of the activities co-ordinated by the junior high cheerleaders. Bubbling with enthusiasm, these girls, captained by Ann Irby and sponsored by Mrs. Barbara Lassiter, helped the junior high football team to an undefeated season.

Smiles and sportsmanship characterized this Year's junior high squad whether during the excitement of victory or during the misery of defeat. Besides cheering at all junior high football and basketball games, these six girls decorated for the annual junior high basketball tournament and taught cheers to the candidates for next year's squad.

Opposite page — top left: Cheerleaders, Ashley Mingledorff and Morgan Wyatt, work hard to keep good averages. Top right: Jana and Nancy seem a little unsure. Middle left: Ashley, Ann, and Jana keep the spirit up. Middle right: 1st row: Morgan Wyatt, Ann Irby, Nancy King. 2nd row: Ashley Mingledorff, Heather Woods, Jane Brockman. Bottom: 1977-78 jr. high cheerleaders.
This page: top left: Cheerleaders keep the crowd going. Middle right: Heather Woods is a concerned cheerleader. Bottom left: Nancy, Heather, Ann, Jana keep the cheers going.

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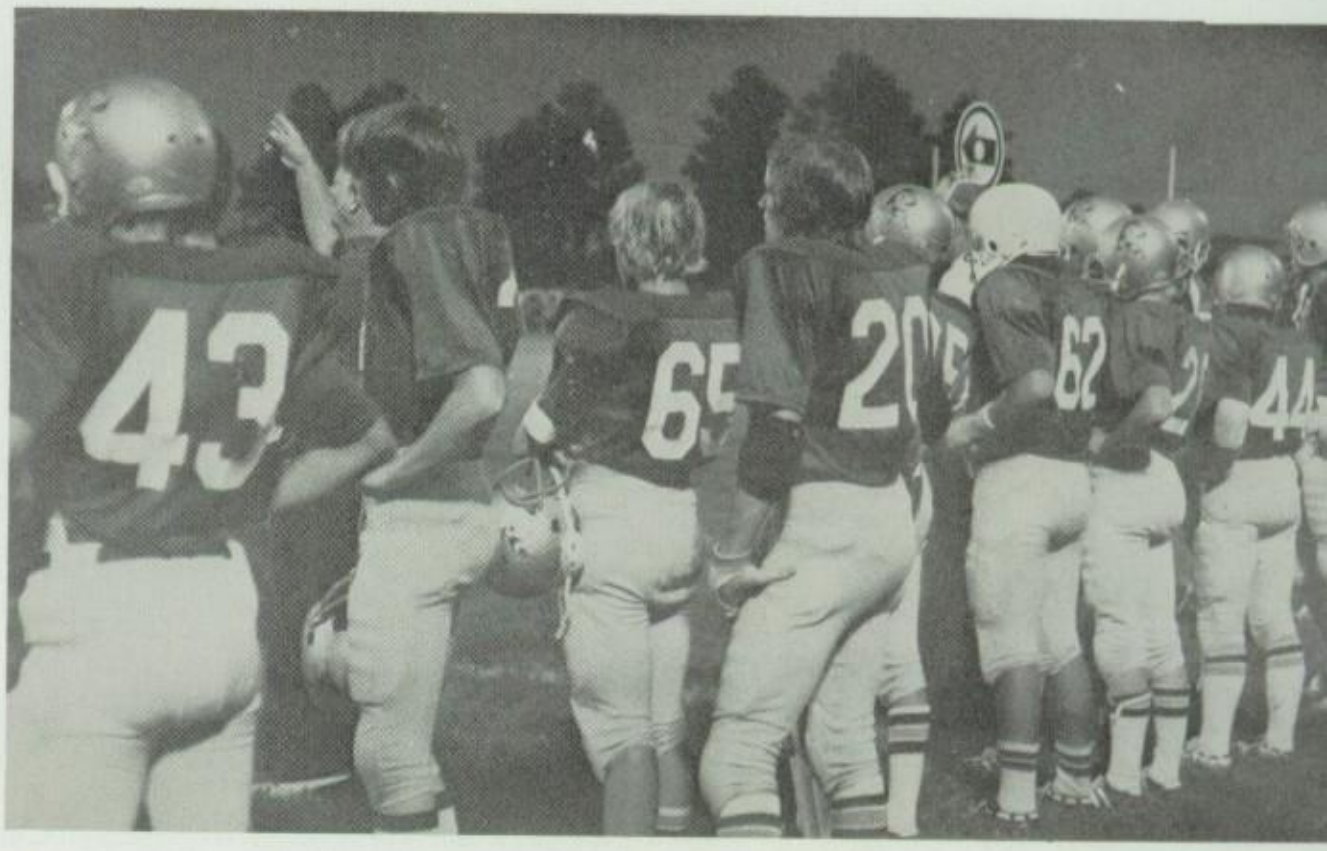
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Mustangs Suffer a

The 1977–78 football season can best be described as a rebuilding year. With the losses of such "stand out" players as Mike Easterling and Troy Watters, the Mustangs were hard pressed to match last year's district record.

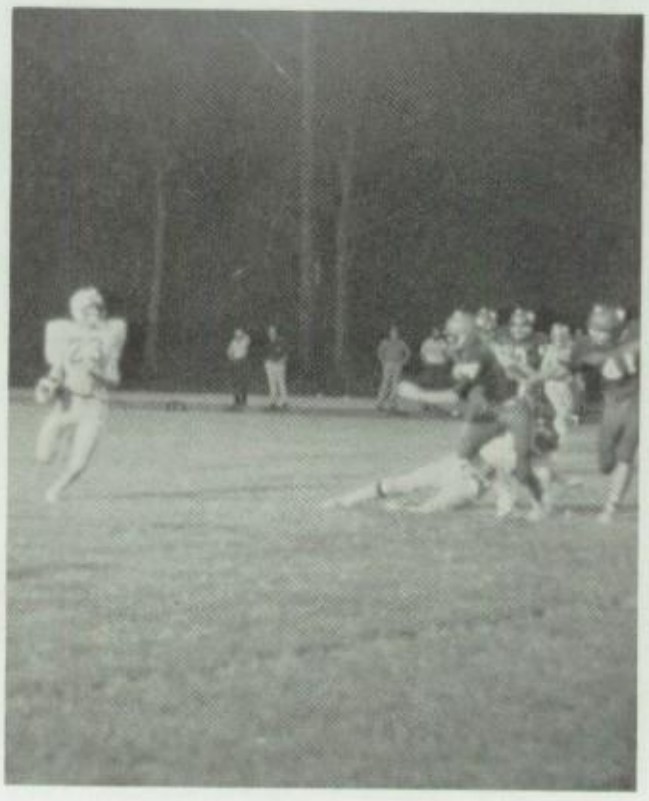
District 2-AA proved to be the toughest ever. No less than five of the top ten-rated teams in the state were in the same district as the Mustangs and state champion, Riverfield. The difficult district competition took a toll on the Mustangs, as they could only manage one district victory, a 28–21 Homecoming triumph over Briarfield.

Before the season started, Head Coach Woody Boyles stated that if the Ponies could manage a 5–4 record, the season would be successful.

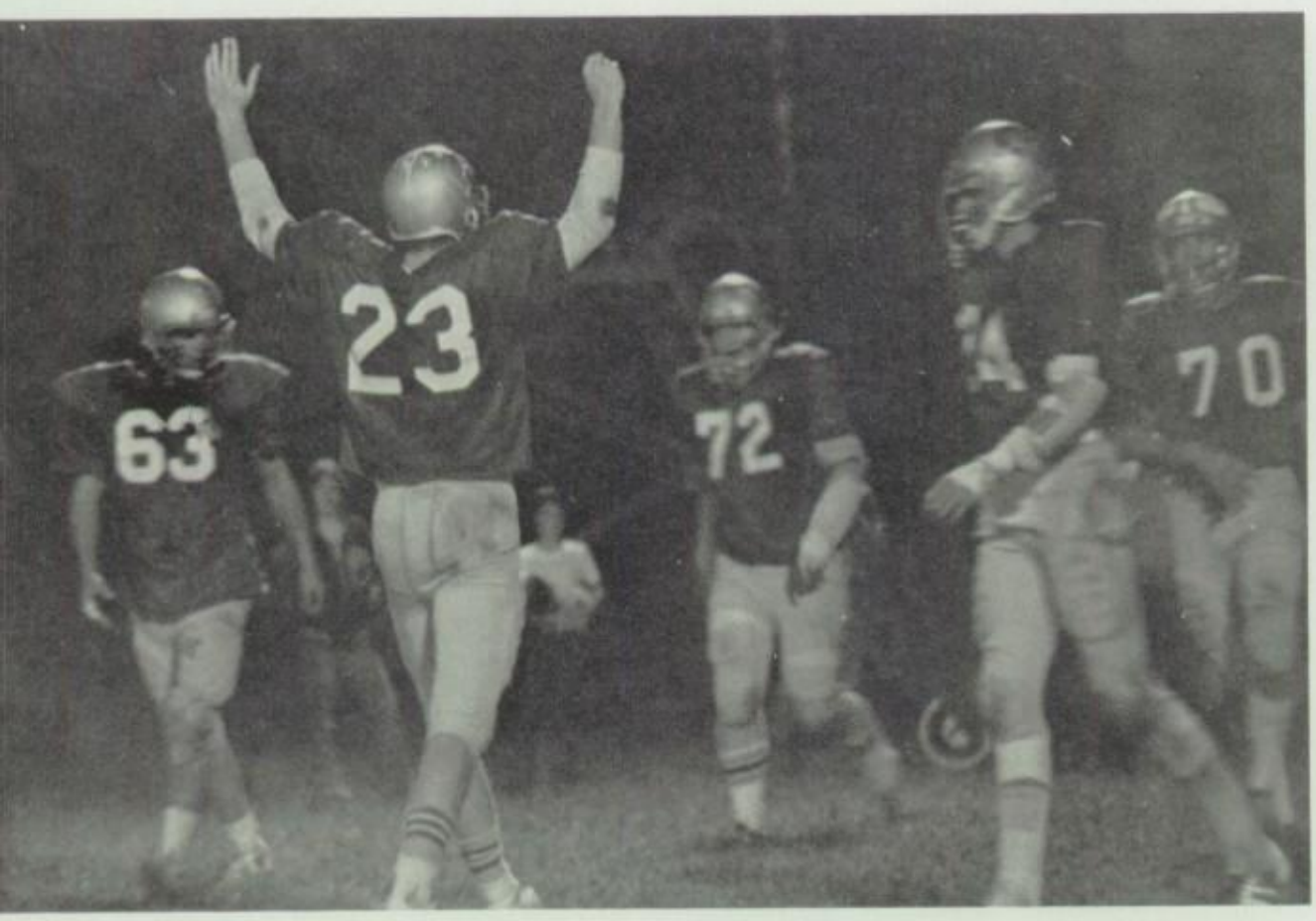
This was exactly how the season record read after the final game, but with the return of some good young players, who gained some valuable playing experience in '77, the Mustangs should be a very representative team in 1978.

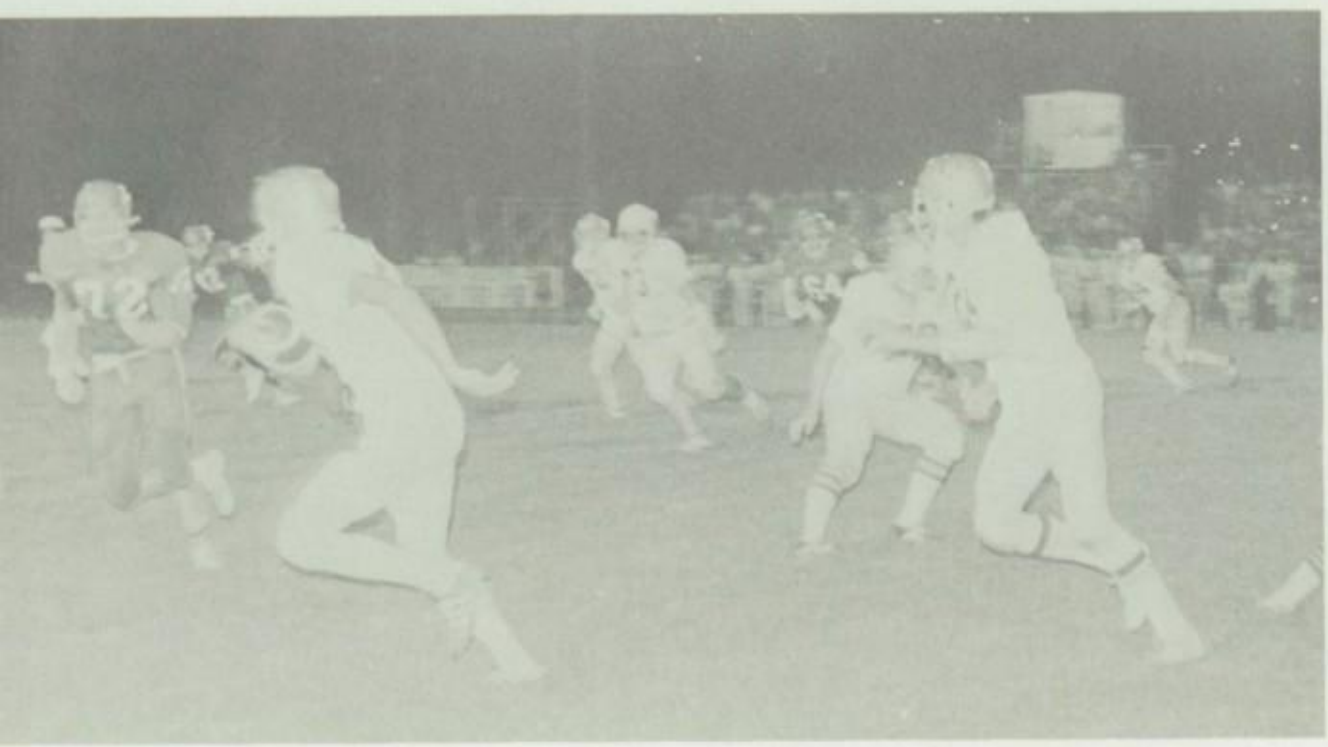
Varsity Scoreboard

Jamboree	
Riverfield	0–12
Ridgedale	6–6
Cedar Creek	26–6
Claiborne	14–7
Sam Crowe	20–0
Tensas	0–33
Tallulah	0–26
Prairie View	38–16
Riverfield	16–41
Briarfield (Homecoming)	28–21
Ridgedale	14–20



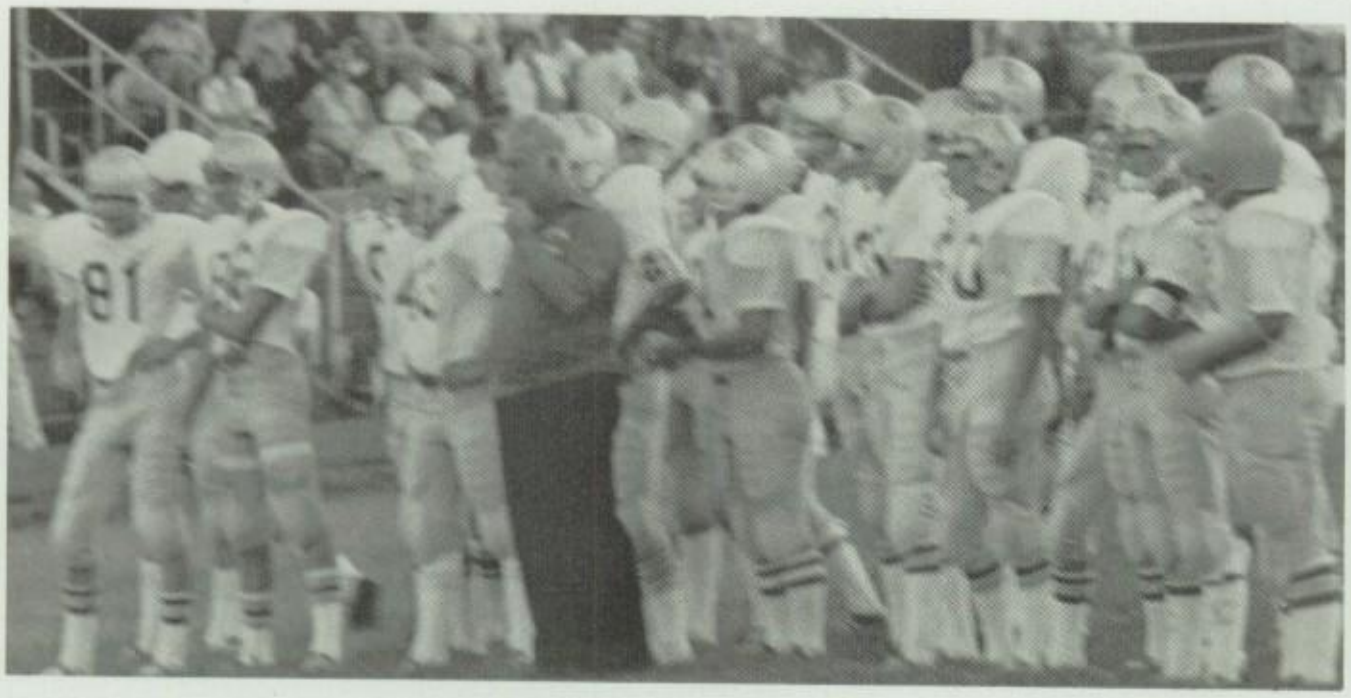
Rebuilding Season

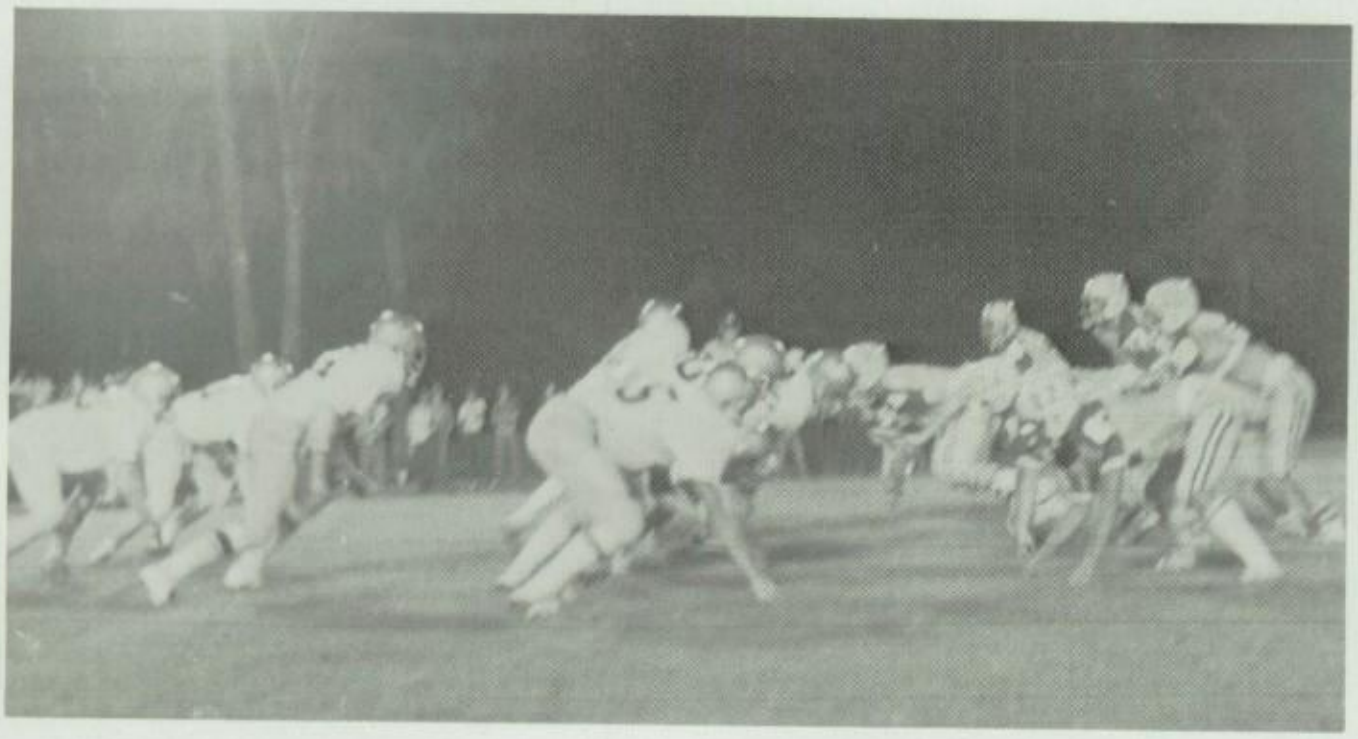


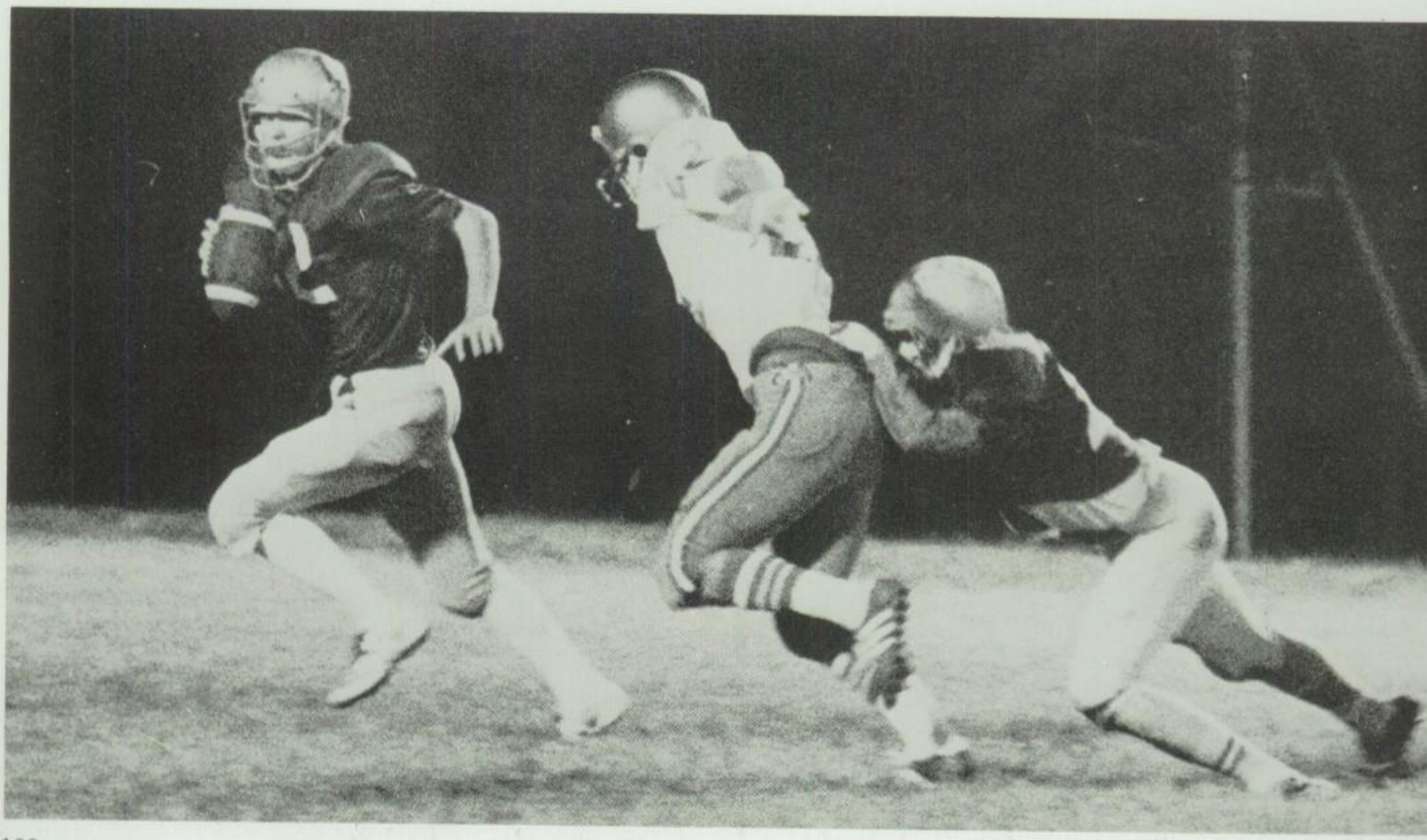


Opposite page — top: Here come the Mustangs of '77! Middle: Dobbins kicks off the '77 season. Bottom left: Ledbetter turns on the speed in open field. Bottom right: On a sweep Craighead looks up field.
This page — top: The 1977 Mustang Team. 1st row: Boyd Padgett, Robbie Ellington, Bill Smith, Jim Bell, Bernard McKenzie, Ryan Sartor, Jamie Fox, Fred Petty, Todd Mahaffey. 2nd row: Jeff Guerriero, Kurt Merriman, Richard Guerriero, Eric Worthen, Tim Vines, Tim Williams, Bradley Adair, Andy Davidson, Kelly Hubenthal, Ron Sloan. 3rd row: Will Sartor, Jimmy Wooldridge, Roy Shotwell, William Tosten, Tommy Russell, Stewart Gentry, Larry Gilley, Keith Gilley, Mark Dallalio. 4th row: — Kevin Edwards, Lan Craft, Howard Weigand, Bobby Craighead, Richard Crowe, Randy Pipes, Jimmy Dobbins, Woody Ledbetter, Stephen Brown. 5th row: Steve Carroll, Bob Craighead, Max Waters, Woody Boyles. Middle left: Ledbetter signals, "TD!" for the Mustangs. Middle right: Ledbetter runs for open field. Bottom: Russell intercepts a Tensas pass.

RO Maintains Winning



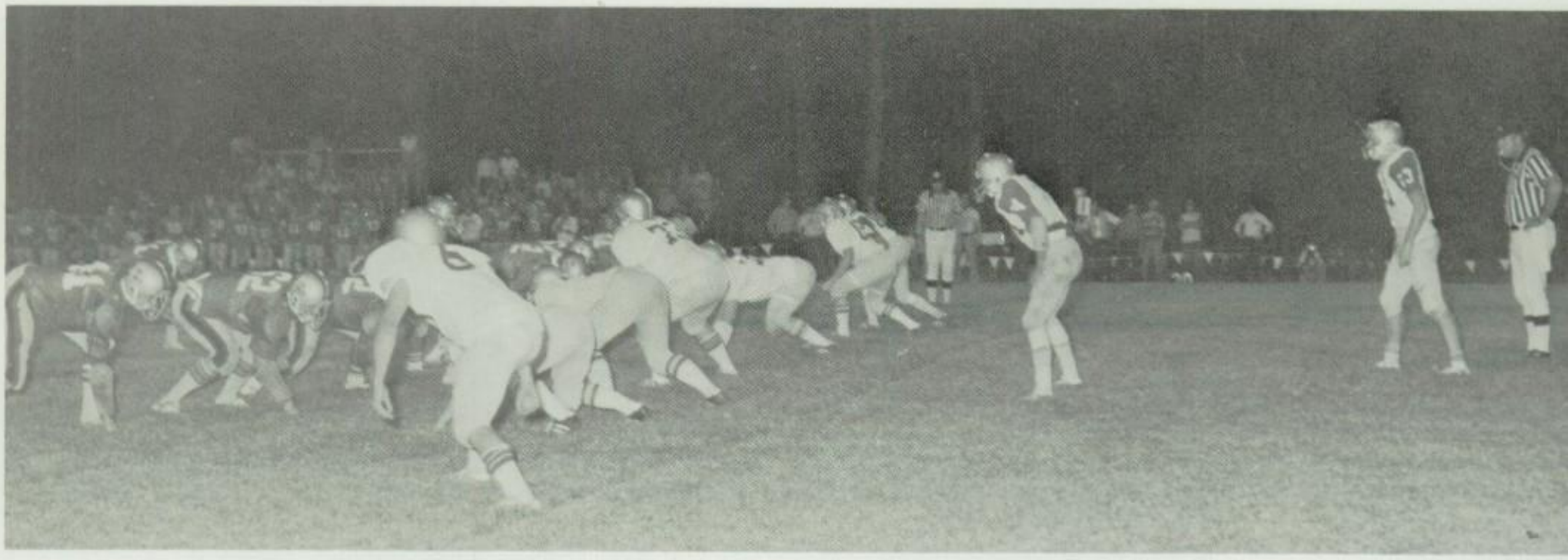


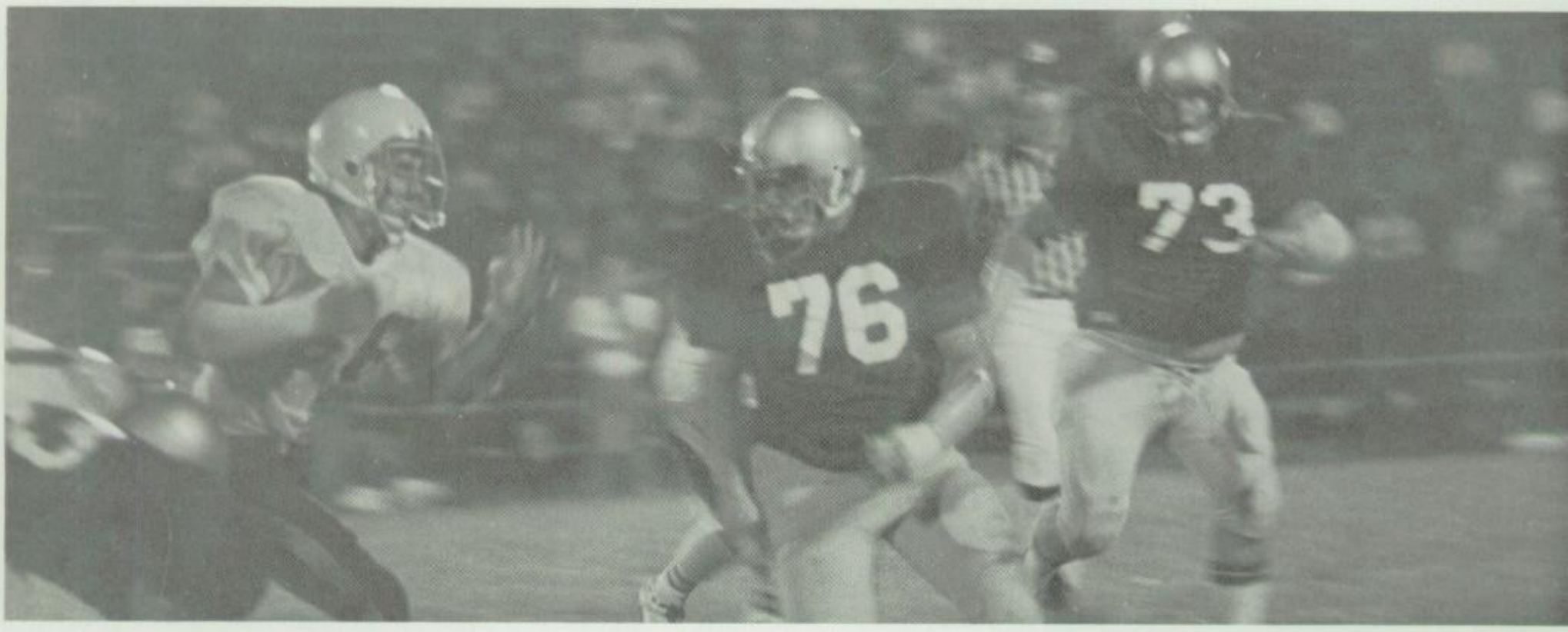


Season With 5–4 Record

Opposite page — top left: Eager Mustangs look on during pre-game. Top right: Outracing the Razorbacks, Craighead charges. Middle left: The Mustang offense presses against Cedar Creek. Middle right: Fox receives a flare pass from Pipes. Bottom: Adair scrambles from the pocket against Ridgedale.
This page — top left: During a time-out, Adair and Coach Boyles confer. Top Right: Craighead runs with determination. Center: With Wiegand, Toston, and Ledbetter blocking, Craighead puts his foot into a punt. Bottom: Pipes, Brown, and Adair go over their plays during skull session before game.

Seniors Spark

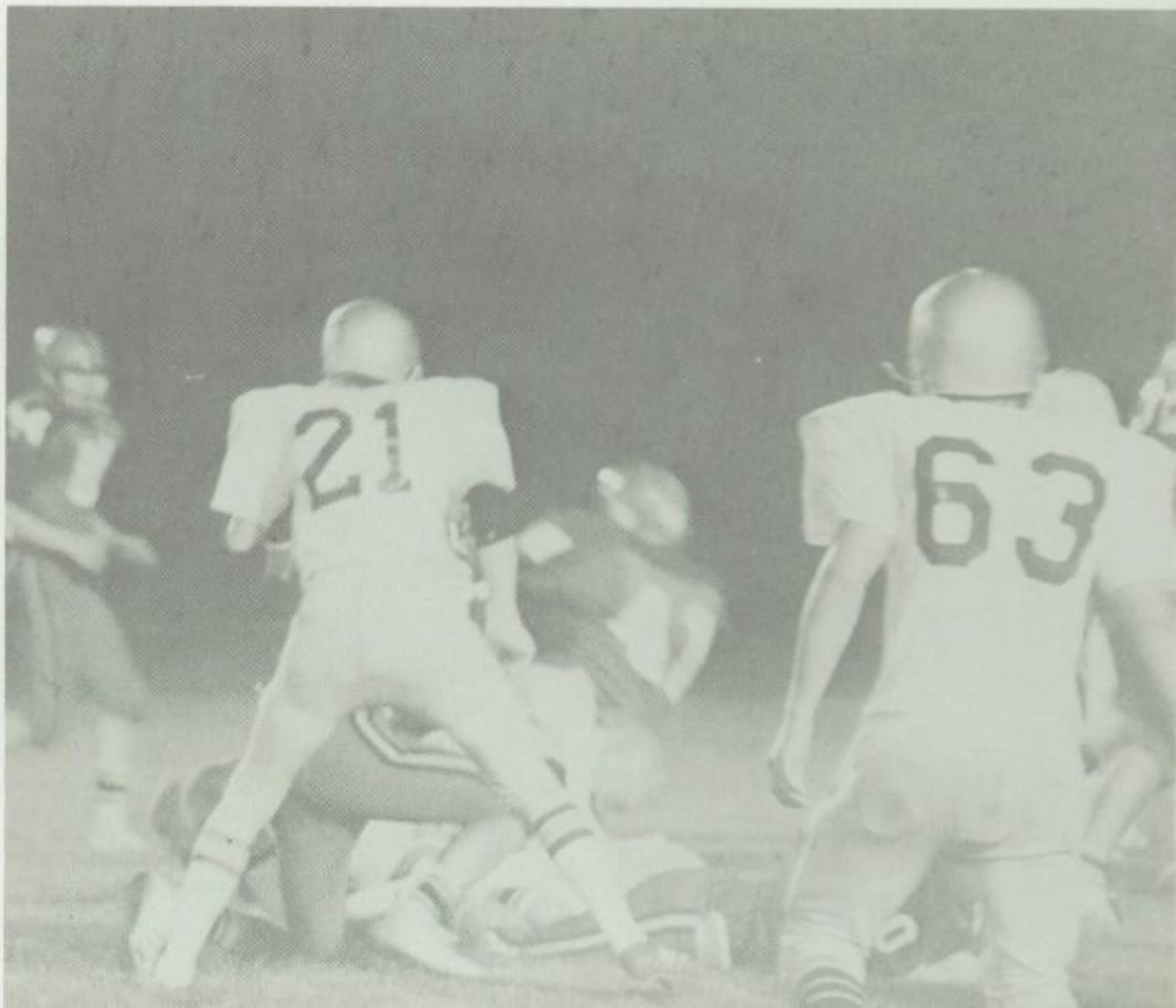




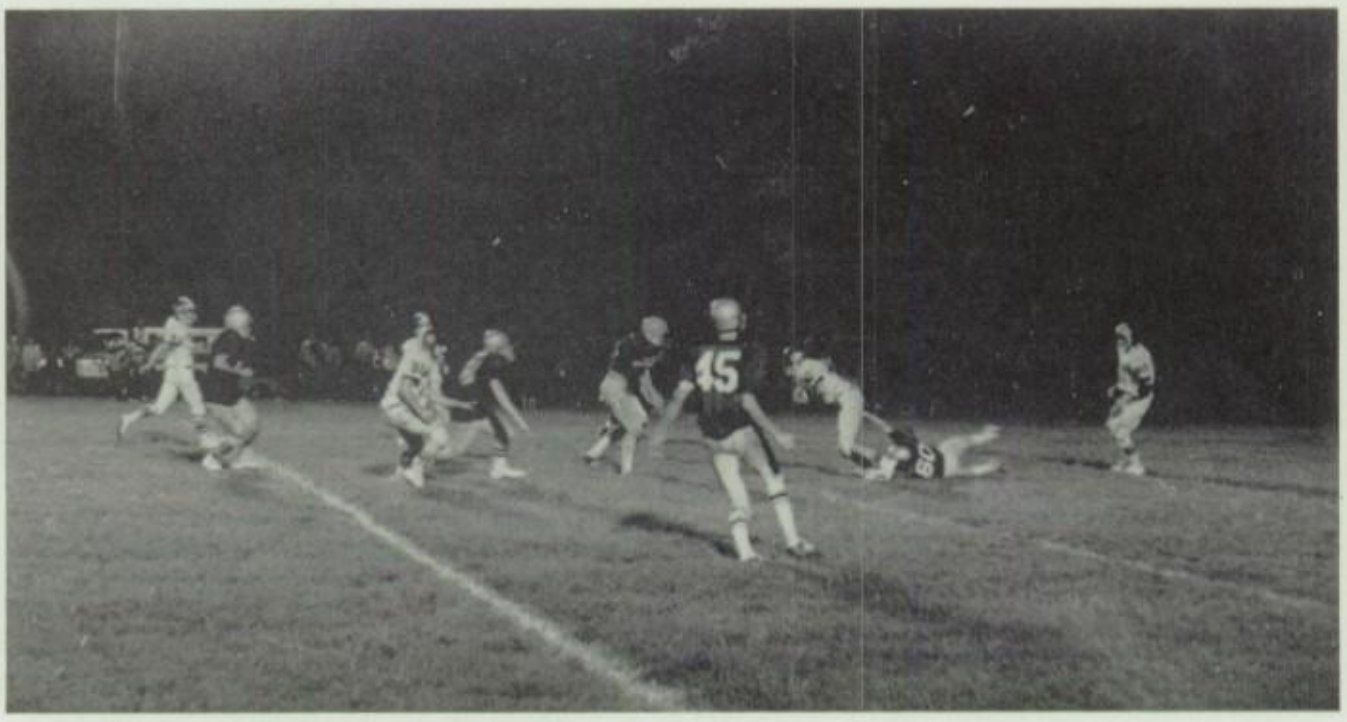
Players Honored

River Oaks had several representatives on the 1977 All-District team. The Mustangs placed two players on the first team; Bobby Craighead made the squad as a safety, and Richard Crowe landed a spot on the offensive line.

Seven players received honorable mention: Woody Ledbetter, Jamie Fox, and Bradley Adair were named on the offensive unit; Richard Guerriero, Richard Crowe, Howard Wiegand, and Bobby Craighead were selected for the defensive team.

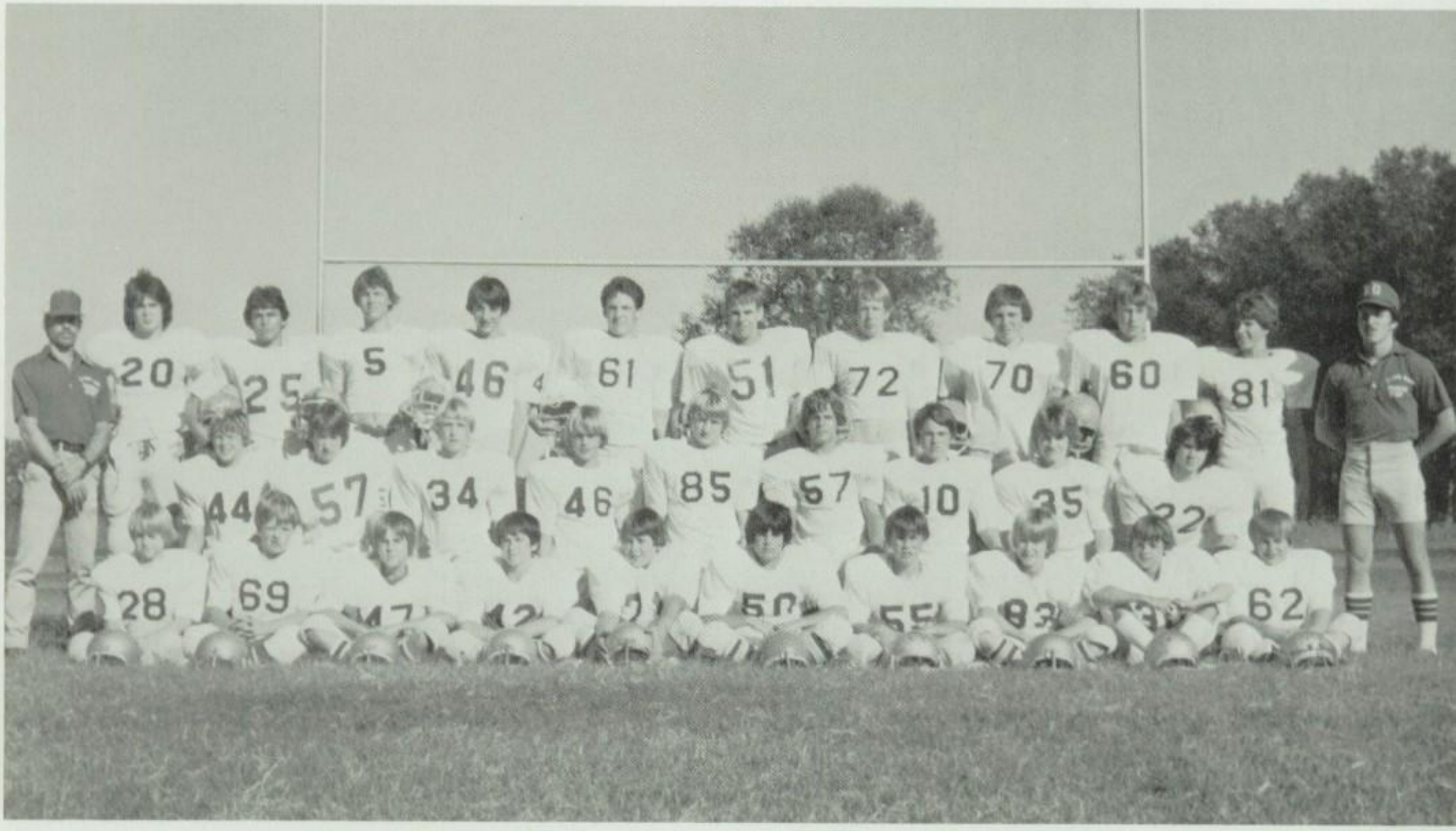


Defensive Attack



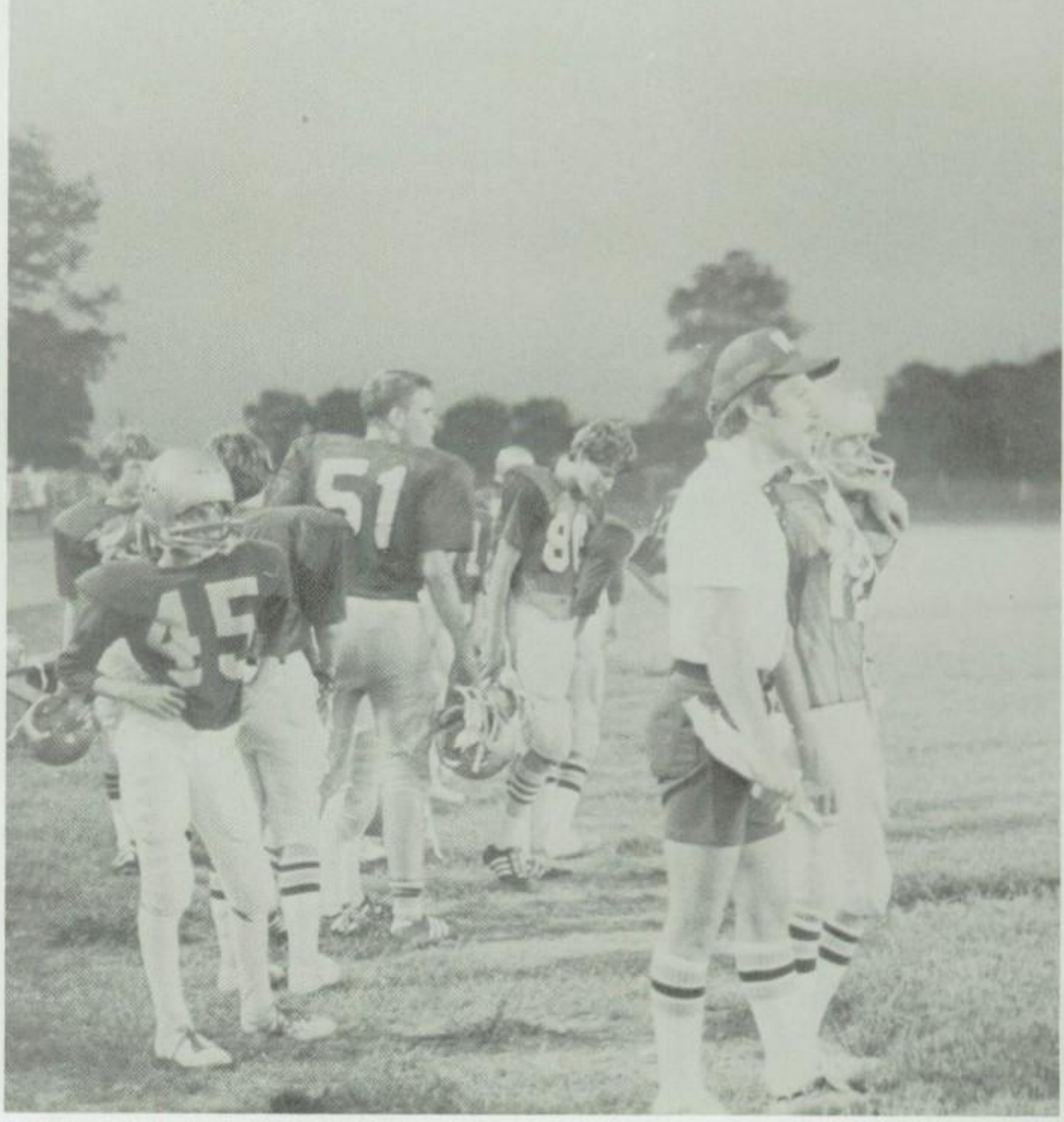
Opposite page — top: Defense poses against Briarfield. Middle: Hubenthal sets for a hit. Bottom: Brown comes in to clean up.
This page — top left: Looking for a tackle, Crowe runs down field. Right: Mustangs converge on Clairborne's punt. Middle: Mustangs pursue the Rebels. Bottom: Brown, McKenzie, and Crowe anticipate a Tallulah run.

Junior High Football Team



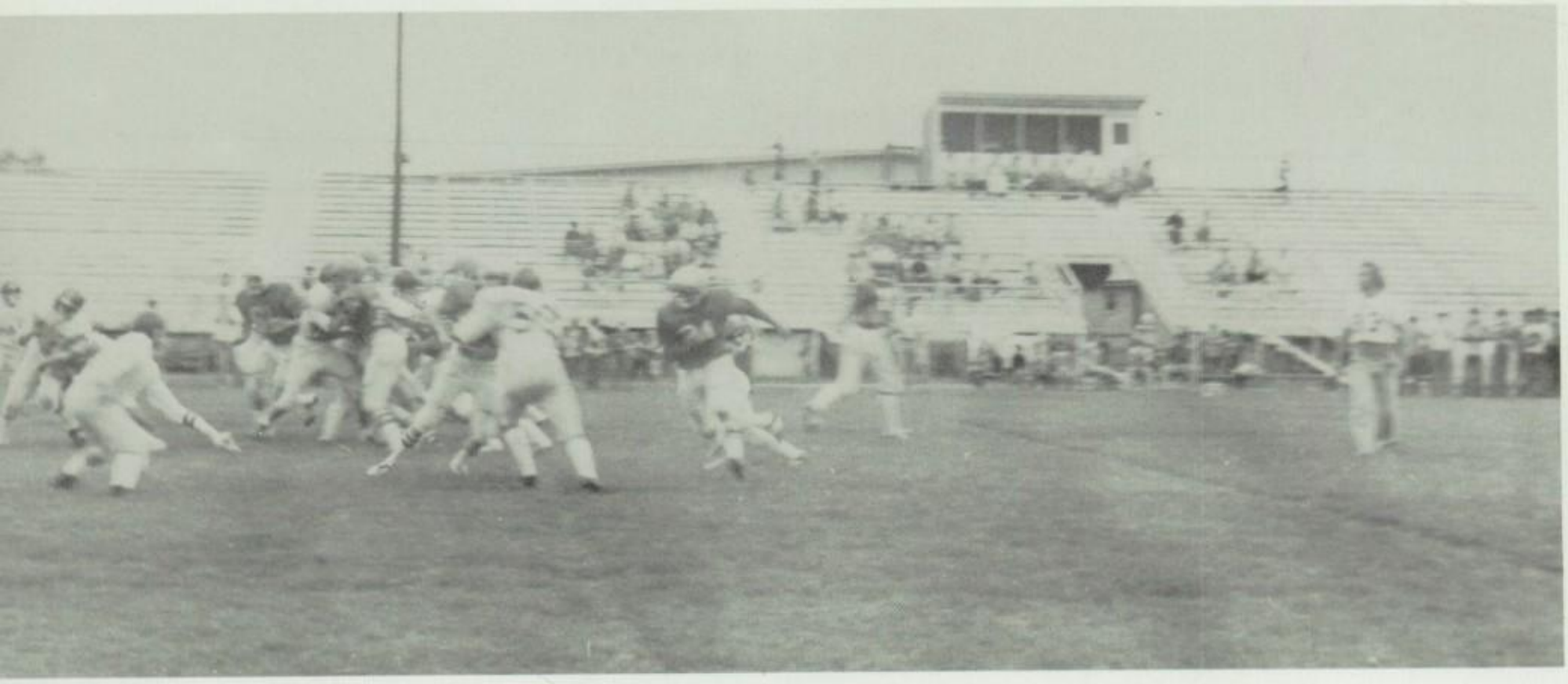
For the first time in school history, the River Oaks' Junior High Team went undefeated. With an outstanding record of 7–0, the Junior Ponies were very impressive in every game. The season included two wins over Prairie View and the Ridgedale and single wins over Cedar Creek, Riverfield, and Tallulah.

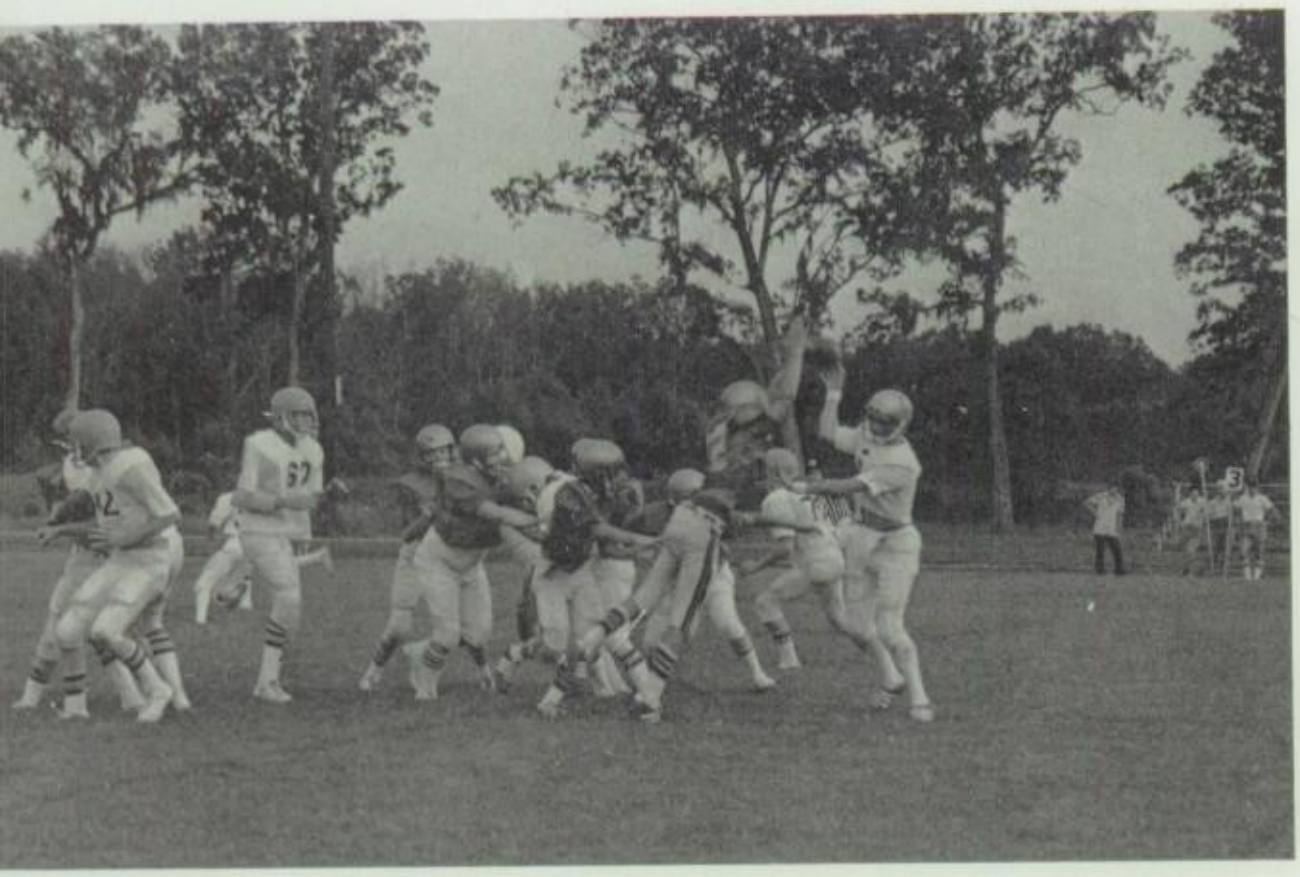
The Mustangs won many of their games by large margins, thereby allowing many seventh and eighth graders to gain valuable playing time. The junior high coaches were Glen Venator and Max Watters. Many of the freshmen who helped compile this great record will be a tremendous asset to the varsity team next fall.



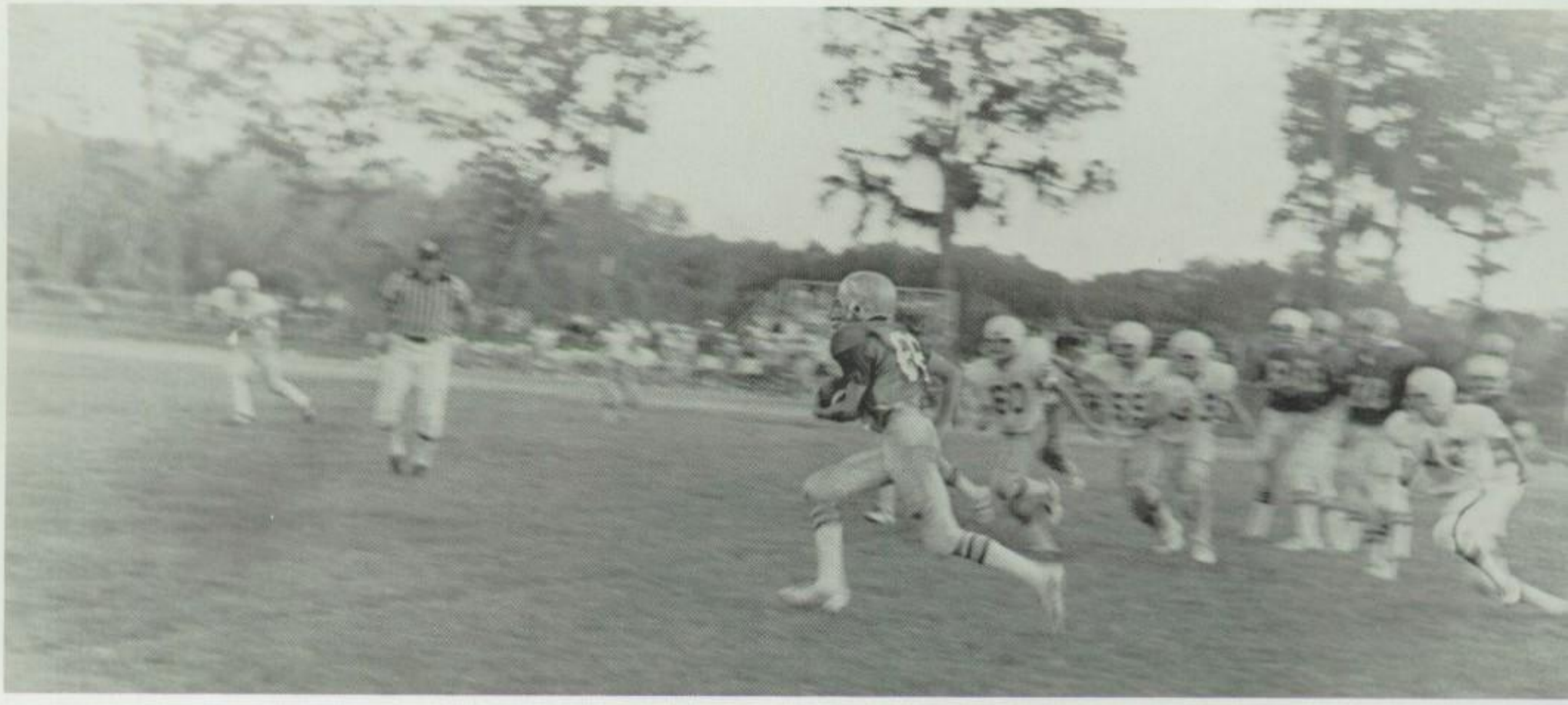
This page — top: 1977 Jr. High Mustangs. 1st row: Charles Whitaker, Dickie Culpepper, Troy McCullen, Stephen Harrison, Harris Brown, Mike Cummings, Vaughn Landry, Coleman Rowland, Mike Stinson, Eric Womack. 2nd row: Conrad Mingledorff, Tom Hamaker, Cole Padgett, Walter Sartor, Brian Brown, Wes Shafto, Clay Shemwell, Kelly White, Curtis Houston. 3rd row: Coach Venator, Stephens Winters, Scott Bradford, Lee Jenkins, Ron Shemwell, Todd Hindmon, Roy Shotwell, Todd Carter, Stephen Gates, Fred Huenefeld, Thomas Sartor, and Coach Max Watters. Bottom: Coach Watters talks to Clay Shemwell as Mike Stinson watches.
Opposite page — top: Bradford races around left end. Middle left: Jenkins tosses over a Ridgedale rusher. Middle right: Bradford tries to avoid a Ridgedale tackler. Bottom: Mustangs score!

Posts an Undefeated Season

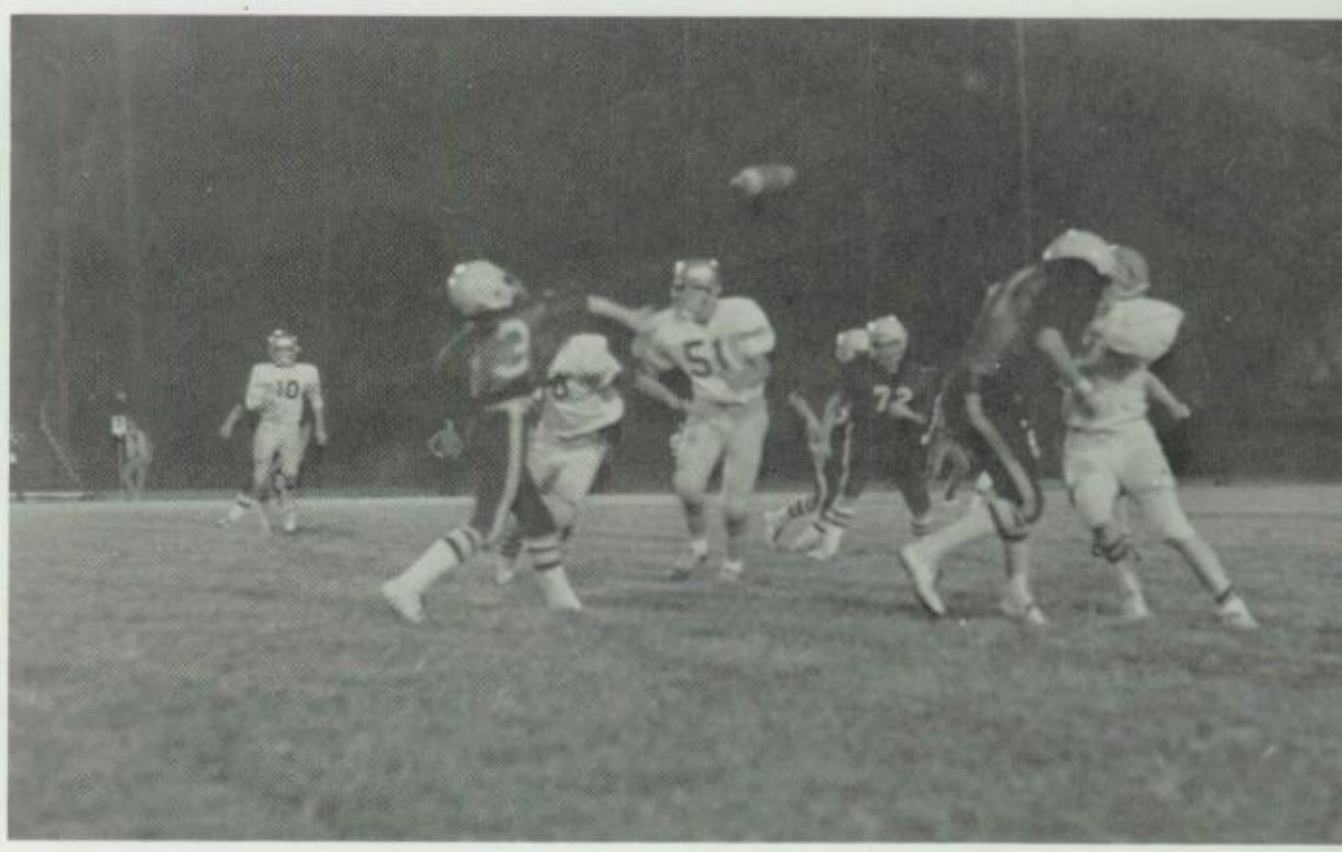




Junior Ponies Hold



This page — top left: White and Gates take a break. Right: Jr. High Mustangs cover Ridgedale. Middle: Shemwell races for the goal line. Bottom: Shotwell rushes Prairie View quarterback.
Opposite page — top: The 1977 Jr. High Mustangs break at practice.



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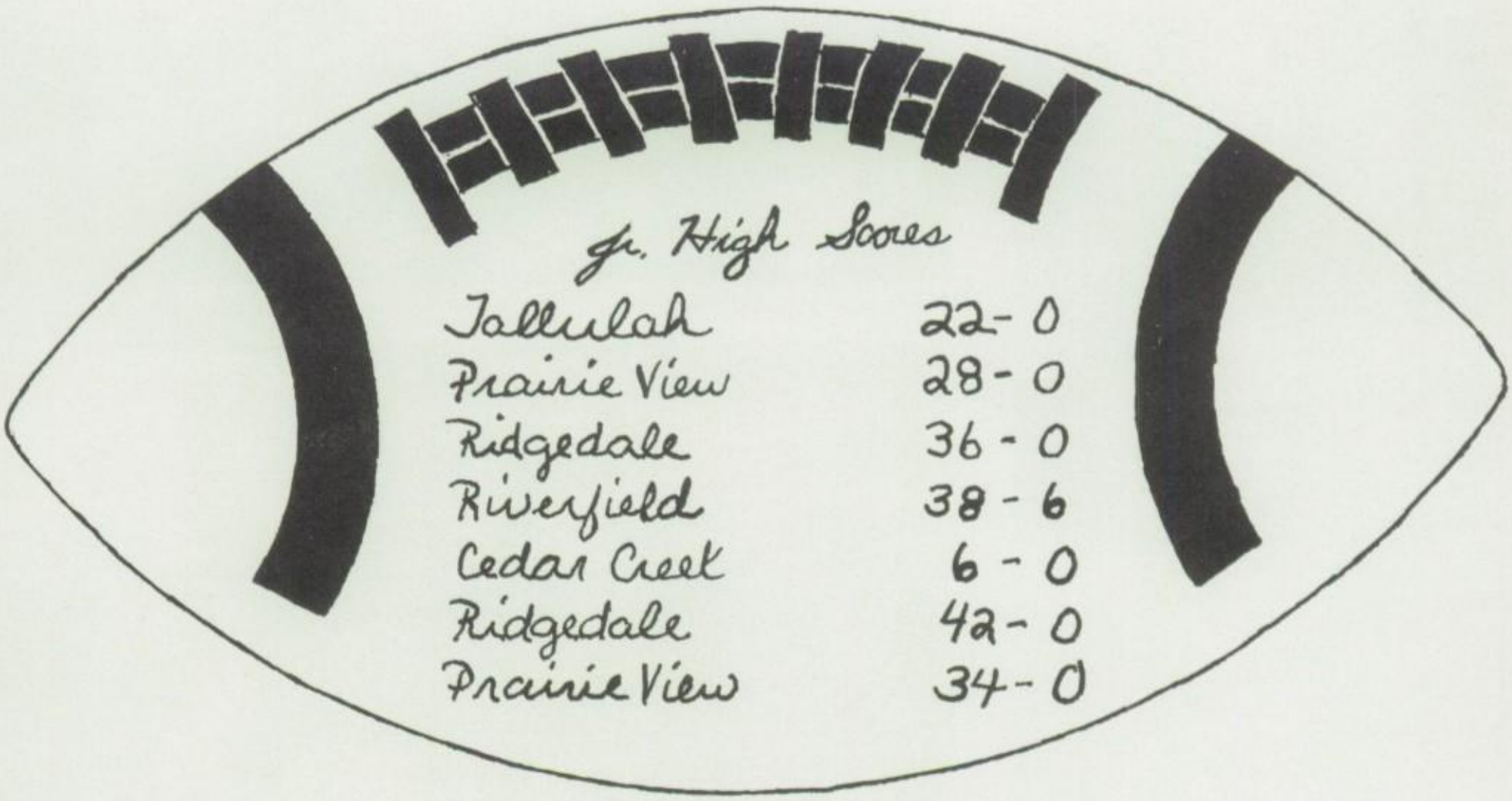
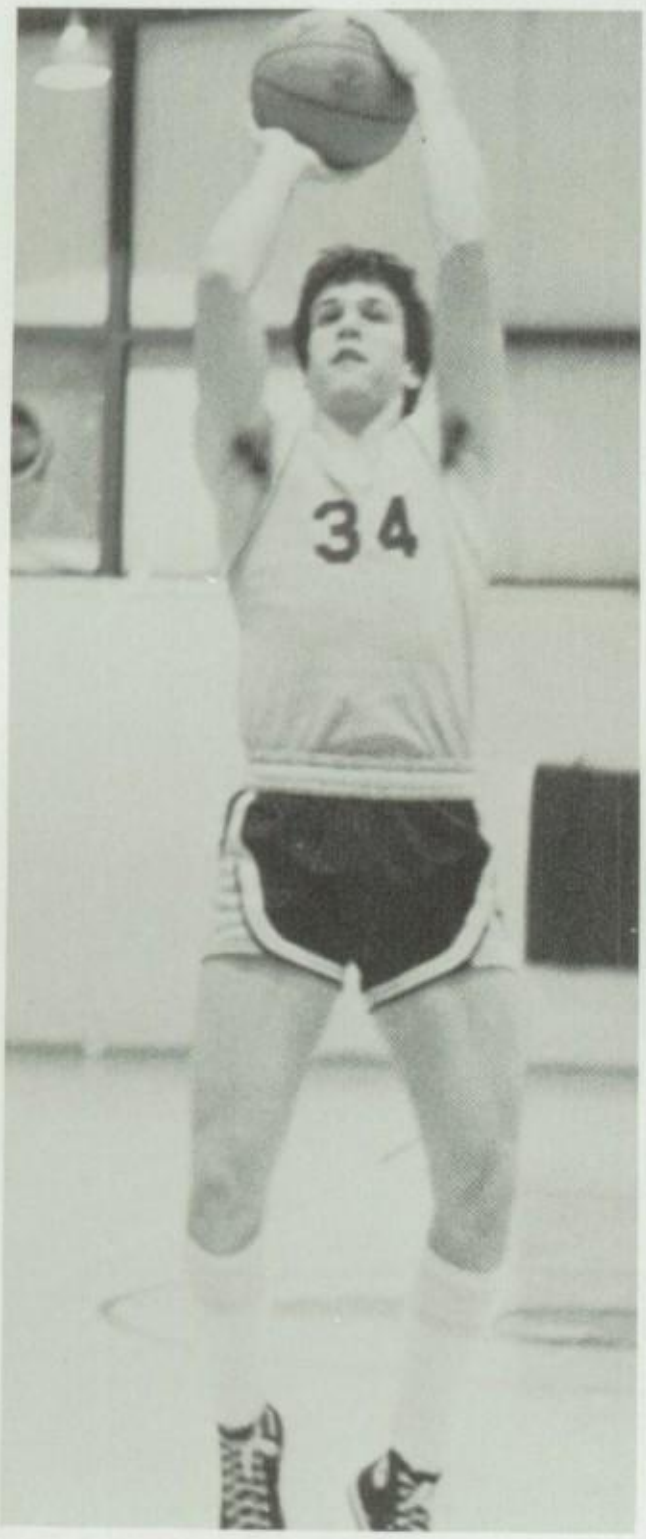


Jr. High Scores

Tallulah	22 - 0
Prairie View	28 - 0
Ridgedale	36 - 0
Riverfield	38 - 6
Cedar Creek	6 - 0
Ridgedale	42 - 0
Prairie View	34 - 0

River Oaks' New Coach



Posts 13–11 Season Record

Oppostie page — top: 1st row: Jim Bell, Tim Vines, William Tosten, Brooks Hamaker, Mike Douglas, Fred Petty. 2nd row: Randy Pipes, Edel Blanks, Richard Crowe, Woody Ledbetter, Jimmy Dobbins, Tommy Clay, Coach Kamerman. Lower left: Woody Ledbetter takes a jump shot against Huntington Academy. Middle right: Coach Kamerman plans strategy in the Riverfield tournament. Lower right: Randy Pipes and Edel Blanks lead the Mustangs out.
This page — top left: Woody Ledbetter goes up for the tipoff. Bottom left: Tommy Clay eyes the basket on a fast break. Top right: Coach "Kam" practices with his players Bottom right: Brad Adair warms up in pre-game workout.

Seniors Display Pride

This page — upper left: Tommy Clay goes up for a jump shot during game with Huntington.
Upper right: Dobbins looks for an opening in the opponent's defense.
Lower right: Douglas dribbles through Huntington's defense.
Opposite page — left: Douglas scores two on a fast break.
Bottom right: Crowe shoots over Riverfield in a key district game.

Toward End of Season

Wrap–Up

The River Oaks' Mustangs suffered an up-and-down 13–11 season during 1977–78. The team actually lost to five teams; three of these teams defeated the Mustangs three times. The district race was tight throughout the season, winding down to the last game between Tallulah and Ridgedale.

The Mustangs' best game of the season came at Riverfield on Friday, January 27, when the Mustangs claimed a 64–53 win over the Raiders. The Mustangs succumbed twice to Ridgedale, ending the season third in District 2AA, with a 5–3 record.

First-year coach Steve Kamerman said of the season, "The boys had an exciting season, and if we could have had a few more wins in the early tournament, the experience gained could have helped us in the final district games."

The Mustangs placed three players on the All-District team. Mike Douglas and Tommy Clay both made All-District, while Richard Crowe received honorable-mention. Mike Douglas also was first-man, honorable-mention All-State and played on the North All-Star Team.

Varsity Girls Try Hard

This page — left: Elizabeth Edwards shoots a free throw in the opening game of the season. Middle: Leighanne Geisler goes up against a Ridgedale Raider. Right: Julie Gates wins the tip against Tallulah. Opposite page — top right: Miss Hardy observes the action from the bench. Middle right: Lea Thompson comes up with a lost ball. Middle right: Nancy Lary gets into position for a shot. Bottom: Elizabeth Edwards, Mary Walker, Leighanne Geisler, Julie Gates, Nancy Lary, Lea Thompson, Claire Durrett, Kathy Hereford, Missy Webb, Coach Hardy.

The River Oaks' varsity girls' team, having only one starter returning, went through a frustrating 0–24 season. First-year coach Miss Camille Hardy said, "The reason the girls improved was their large amount of determination. I was proud of these girls for not giving up and for sticking with it all year. Once the district play started, they improved because they knew more of what their capabilities were."

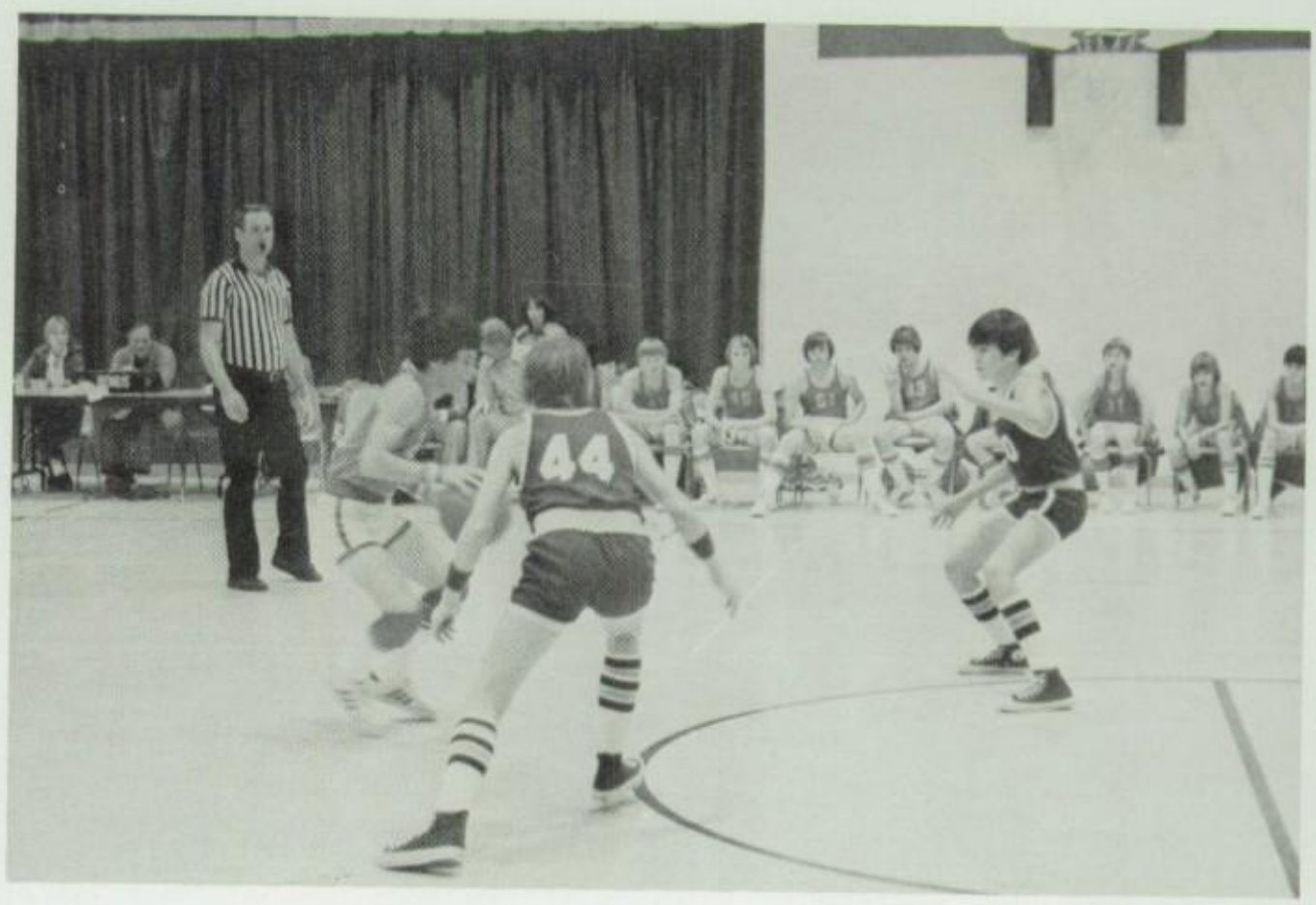
This girls' team had many close games during the season. The first two games were exciting games against Bethal Christian, losing only 3 and 2 points, respectively. Leighanne Geisler and Lea Thompson led in scoring, with 4.1 and a 5.9 average, respectively. Both of these girls also made All-District honorable mention.

Improve as Season Progresses

Junior High Basketball Teams

The junior high boys' basketball team had a 9–11 season. Outstanding players on the team were Scott Bradford, Kelly White, and Lee Jenkins. The Junior High Mustangs also received a new coach, Max Watters.

Top right: 2nd row: Lee Jenkins, Norman Bagwell, Fred Huenefeld, Paul Harrop, Wes Shafto, Scott Bradford, Coach Watters. 1st row: Kelly White, Cole Padgett, J. Altick, Mike Stinson, Coleman Roland, Troy McCullen, Mike Bennett. Bottom left: Bradford goes up for the jump. Middle right: Stephen Gates receives an in-bound pass. Bottom right: Norman Bagwell and Mike Bennett cover a Cedar Creek player.

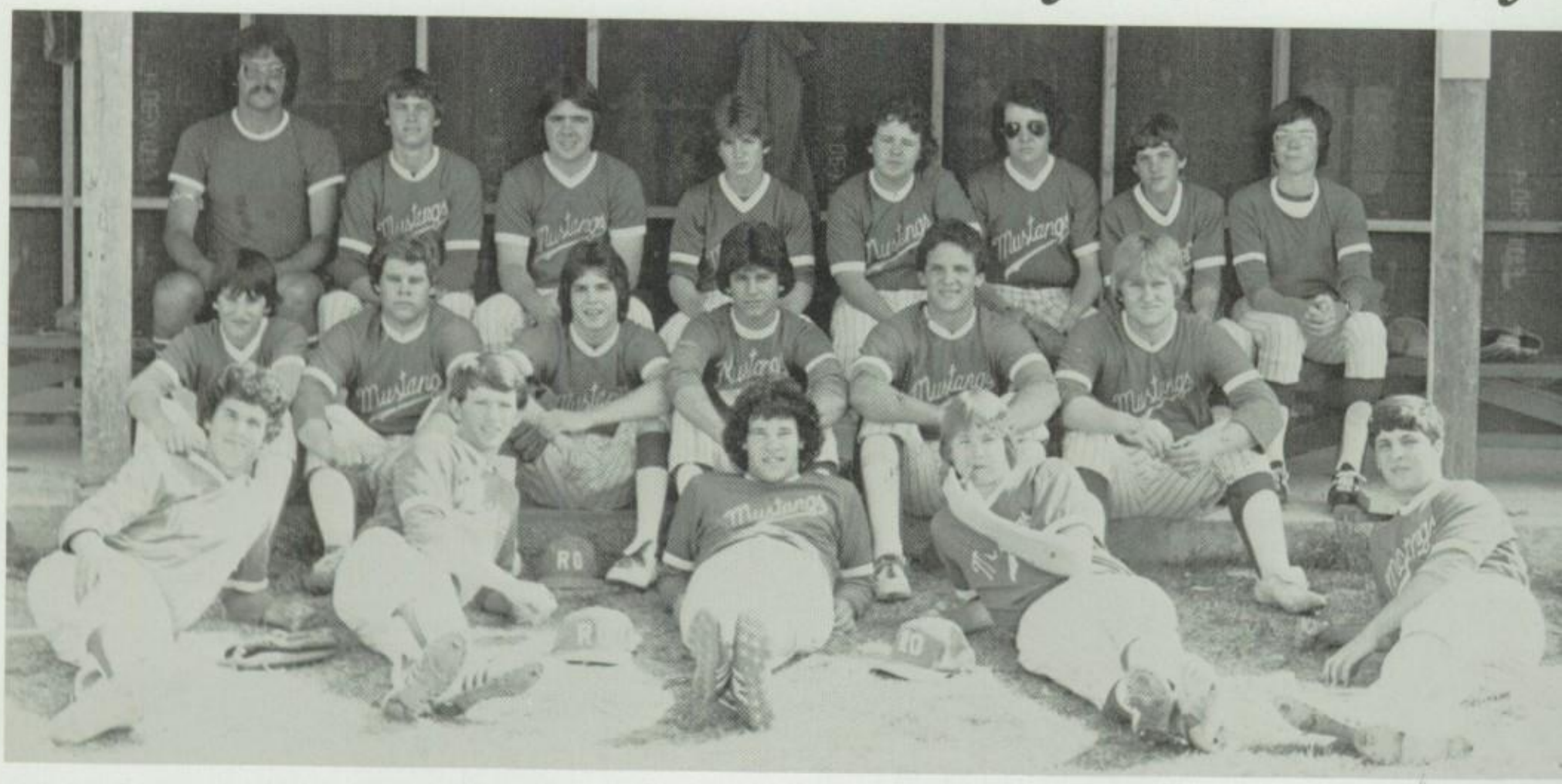


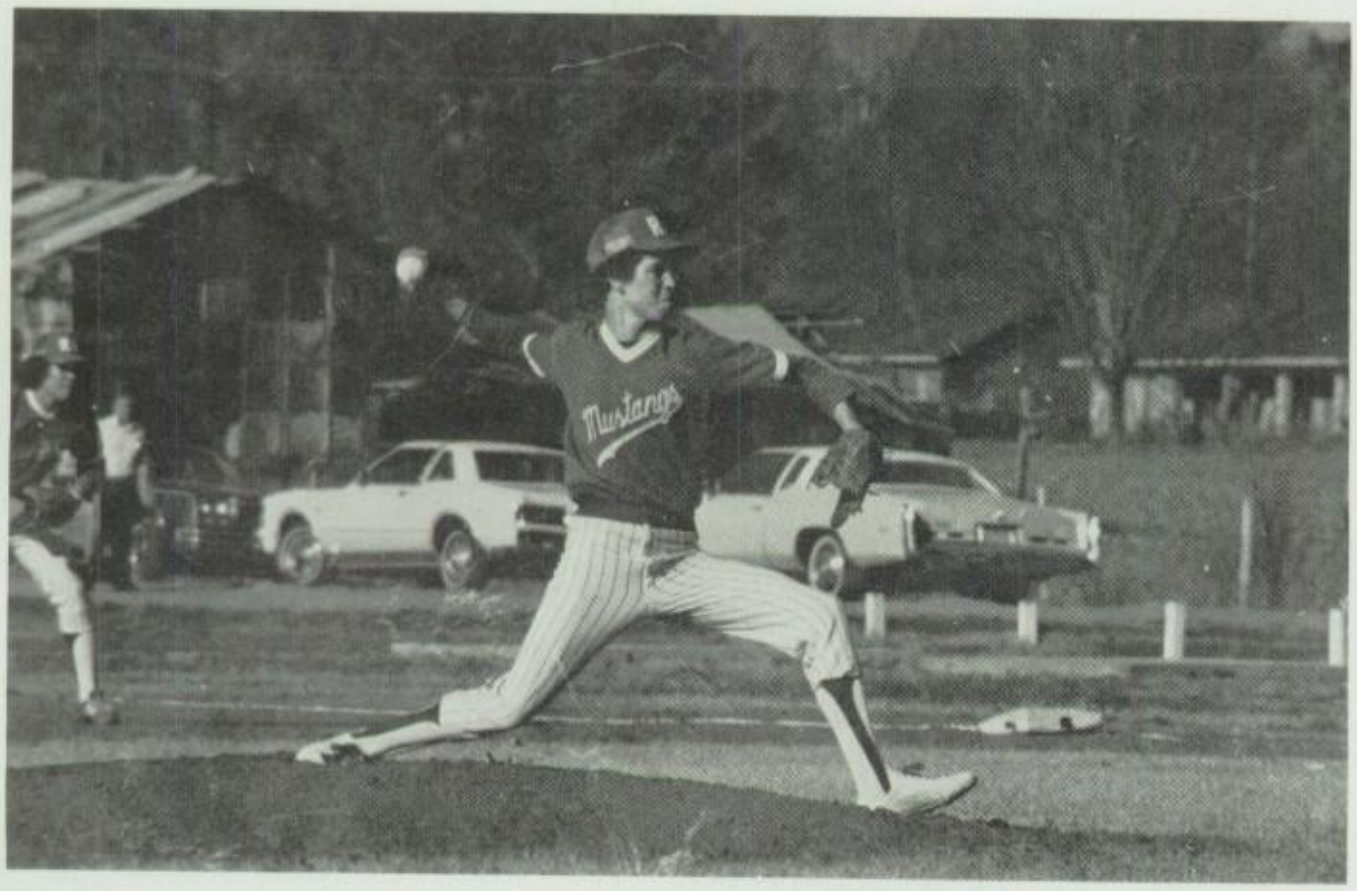
Receive Valuable Instruction

The junior high girls' basketball team received a new coach, Candy Barr. She taught the girls numerous basic skills. Leading scorers were Laura Petty and Suzanne Mahaffey. Next year, these junior high girls will give depth to the varsity team. Displaying a "never-say- die" attitude, the girls posted a 0–19 season.

Top left — 2nd row: Ann Ware, Laura Petty, Elizabeth Johnson, Melissa Parker. 1st row: Blair Cudd, Suzanne Mahaffey, Ann Harrop, Kristen Anderson. Middle left: Ann Harrop dribbles down court. Middle right: Junior high girls fight for the ball. Bottom right: Candy Barr gives game plan to the team.

Baseball Team Plays on Newly-





Constructed Baseball Diamond

River Oaks' baseball improved over last season, posting a 7–8 season record and 2–6 district slate. Coached by Steve Kamerman, the Mustangs made a drive at the end of the season to gain two district wins, 11–1 over Huntington and 13–4 over Prairie View to avenge earlier defeats. Throughout the year, the Ponies were frustrated, taking leads over such outstanding teams as Riverfield and Ridgedale, only to fall short in the late innings.

The team overall was young; therefore, prospects for the future look bright. Pitching depth was a problem as senior Jimmy Dobbins carried much of the load and ended his career with a 4–4 record, including the last two district wins. Brad Adair handled the catching and did a consistent job every game. Seniors on the team were Richard Crowe, Dobbins, Mike Douglas, and Jamie Fox.

Selected to the All-District team were Mike Douglas, Richard Crowe, and Jimmy Dobbins. Lee Jenkins was named honorable mention.

Opposite page — top: 1st row: Jimmy Dobbins, Brad Adair, Richard Crowe, Mike Douglas, Mark Dallalio. 2nd row: Fred Petty, Kelly Hubenthal, Stephens Winters, Scott Bradford, Todd Hindmon, William Tosten. 3rd row: Coach Kamerman, Lee Jenkins, Keith Gilley, Kelly White, Bill Smith, Clay Petrus, Ansel Smith, Tom Dansby. Middle left: Jimmy Dobbins throws the first pitch on the RO diamond. Middle right: Bradley Adair gets set to receive the pitch. Bottom: Mustangs warm up in the outfield before game time.
This page — top: Keith Gilley looks happy! Middle: Adair rises to throw the ball around after a Dobbins' strike out. Bottom: Richard Crowe, Mike Douglas, and Coach Kam set up the batting fence.

Track Teams Progress on New Track

Entering the first year of full-scale rack and field competition with a oung, inexperienced but very en- nusiastic team, River Oaks' thinclads mproved steadily throughout the eason. The highlight of the spring vas the team victory in the RO elays, the home track meet against trong teams from Ridgedale and iverfield.

In the LISA State Track Meet at La. ech, Woody Ledbetter placed third n the 440 and fourth in the broad ump; Larry Gilley, sixth in the discus; obby Craighead, third in broad ump; Bradley Adair, third in javelin; and Jim Bell, Todd Carter, Richard Guerriero, and Tim Vines, sixth in the 2-mile relay. Glen Venator was the boys' coach.

Twenty-three girls participated in girls' track; more girls were on the RO team than on any team in the area. The key meet for the girls, coached by Miss Camille Hardy, was the RO Relays when the girls placed second overall.

Opposite page — top: 1st row: Jim Bell, Ryan Sartor, Tim Williams, Tim Vines, Todd Carter, Coach Venator. 2nd row: Ford Williams, Mil Bodron, Curtis Houston, Tom Hamaker, Ron Sloan, Boyd Padgett, Richard Guerriero, Walt Ligon. 3rd row: Stephen Brown, Todd Mahaffey, Will Sartor, Jimmy Wooldridge, Larry Gilley, Randy Pipes, Bobby Craighead, Howard Weigand. Middle left: Jim holds off a Riverfield runner. Middle right: Woody extends in the long jump. Bottom left: Randy closes the gap. Bottom right: Larry throws the discus.

This page — top left: 1st row: Julie Gates, Caroline Carter, Karen Smith, Miss Hardy. 2nd row: Mary Stewart, Missy Webb, Catherine Shemwell, Nancy Lary, Rosemary Upshaw. 3rd row: Lynn Godfrey, Danelle Dupree, Aimee Spence, Penny Masur. 4th row: Leslie Files, Katherine Ryan, Liz Montgomery, Karen Ledoux, Margarite Martin. 5th row: Vikki Southern, Elizabeth Edwards, Laura Petty. Top right: Margarite runs hard. Bottom left: Nancy just misses!. Bottom right: Aimee lands in the pit after her broad jump.

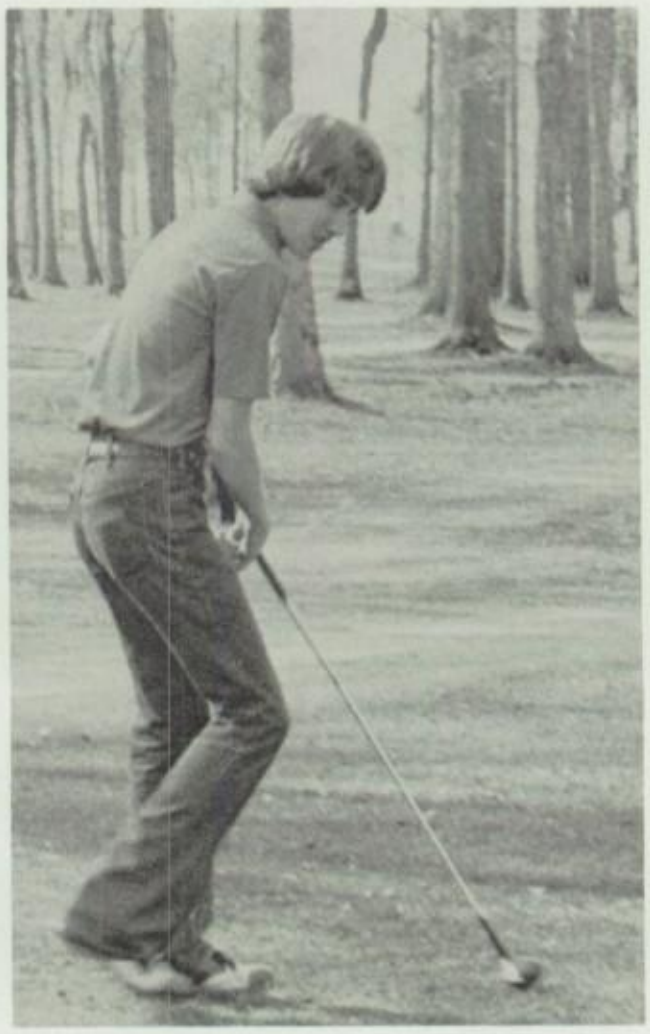
RO Maintains Supremacy in

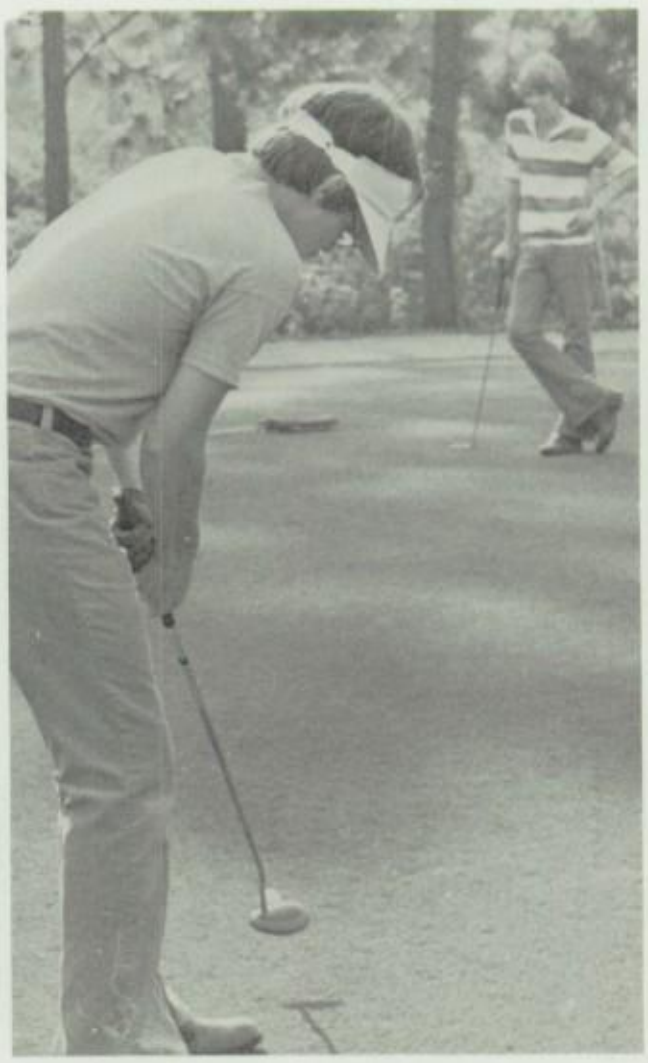
Holding true to past performances, the River Oaks' golf team once again showed might on the fairways. Coached by Mrs. Dorothea Garrett, the team was one of the most well-balanced around.

Paced by low medalist in regional play, Ron Shemwell, the Ponies took second place in the RO invitational, first in the Ridgedale Invitational, first in the LISA North Regional Championship, and second in the state tournament held at the Chateau Estates Country Club in New Orleans.

Several outstanding performances were scored by members of the team. In addition to being low medalist in the region. Ron Shemwell was also the sixth low medalist in the state. Norman Bagwell was the third low medalist in the state meet, and Chip Norman and David Smith took fifth and third low medalist honors at the regional tournament at River Hills Golf Club, respectively.

Also, Brooks Hamaker, Nat Smith, and Stuart Brown helped the Mustangs' cause by consistently turning in good rounds. At the All-Sports Banquet, all members of the golf team were recognized for outstanding achievement, and Ron received the MVP award.





Opposite page — top: Golf team pauses at a practice session: Chip Norman, Brooks Hamaker, and Stuart Brown. Bottom: Other team members are Norman Bagwell, Ron Shemwell, Nat Smith, and David Smith.
This page — top left: Chip, Brooks, and Stuart prepare for their next shot. Top right: Chip cannot believe that drive! Bottom left: Brooks "talks to himself" after that last putt. Bottom right: David strokes a long one.

Tennis Team "Smashes" Wa

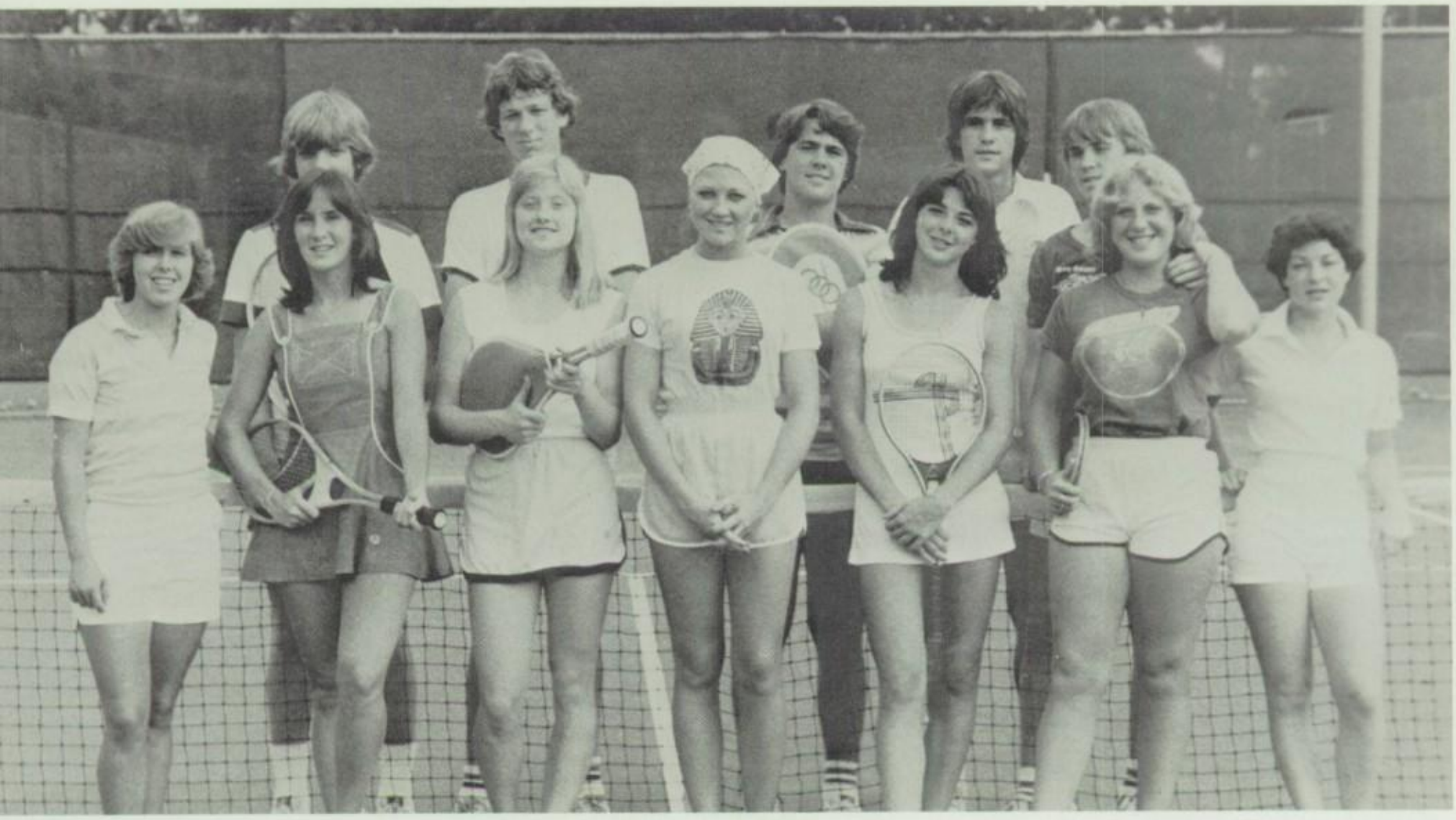
Once again, the River Oaks' tennis team showed prowess in LISA tennis circles. Winning the regional title, the Mustangs compiled an outstanding 11–1 record, the only loss being to First Baptist.

In the regional playoffs in Shreveport, RO girls took first place. Wendy Worthen and Leighanne Geisler took first place in girls' doubles. Elizabeth Sartor made it to the semi-finals in girls' doubles. Also, the doubles' team of Kay Loflin and Priscilla Brown made it to the semi-finals.

The RO boys' team came in second place in regionals but came back strongly to cop the state title. Tommy Clay spearheaded the team as the number 1 singles' player, and he won both the regionals and the state title in boys' singles for the Mustangs.

The number 1 boys' doubles team of Edel Blanks and Eric Worthen made it to the semi-finals at regionals and came on strongly to take the doubles' title at state.

to Another Regional Title



Opposite page — top: Pete Trinca returns a shot as partner Lan Craft looks on. Bottom left: Leighanne Geisler and Wendy Worthen get set to receive a serve. Bottom right: Edel Blanks whips a forehand at Bayou DeSiard.
This page — top: 1st row: Elizabeth Sartor, Wendy Worthen, Clare Durrett, Lisa Files, Leighanne Geisler, Kay Loflin, Betsy Ellis. 2nd row: Pete Trinca, Edel Blanks, Donald Jones, Tommy Clay, Eric Worthen. Middle left: Mrs. Worthen and Lan Craft take a time out. Middle right: Elizabeth Sartor returns a forehand in her match at Chennault. Bottom: Clare Durrett hustles back for her next shot.

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ACTIVITIES

President Buller Crowns

Hours of float work, blue and silver day, western day, a bonfire and hotdog supper, float judging, and presentation assembly — all contributed to the cloud of excitement that hovered about River Oaks School during Homecoming week 1977. Selected by the football team, Queen Wendy Worthen and her court from the sidelines cheered the Mustangs to a 28–21 win over Briarfield.

Other court members were Senior Maid Lisa Files, Junior Maid Liz Montgomery, Sophomore Maid Katherine Ryan, and Freshman Maid Ann Irby.

Sponsored by the Parents' Club, a hotdog supper preceded the traditional bonfire where the cheerleaders inspired the team the night before the "big" game. Beginning with the presentation assembly, Homecoming day saw students hurrying to complete final touches on class floats. Escorts at the assembly were Andy Davidson, Jamie Fox, Richard Crowe, Richard Guerriero, and Lan Craft, who presented the court with silver footballs as mementos.

Arriving in T-birds that night the court entered the stadium driven by Paul Dulaney, Rod Cascio, Mike Douglas, Tommy Clay, and Mac Oakley.

Crowned by Board President William Buller, Queen Queen Wendy received roses from Mike Easterling, last year's Student Council president. After presentation, the court members were escorted by their fathers to a sideline platform decorated with mums.

Wendy Worthen Homecoming Queen

Opposite page — top left: Freshman maid Ann Irby is escorted by her father, Dr. Don Irby. Top center: Katherine Ryan is presented by her father, Mr. Thad Ryan. Top Right: Liz Montgomery walks with her father Mr. Alymer Montgomery. Bottom left: Escorted by her father, Mr. Jack Files, is senior maid, Lisa Files. Bottom right: Queen Wendy Worthen is escorted by her father, Dr. Eugene Worthen.
This page — top: Queen Wendy Worthen and her court pose after the crowning and presentation. Bottom left: During the morning assembly, Andy Davidson escorts Wendy. Bottom right: Mike Easterling presents Wendy roses.

"Deliver a Victory" Takes Firs

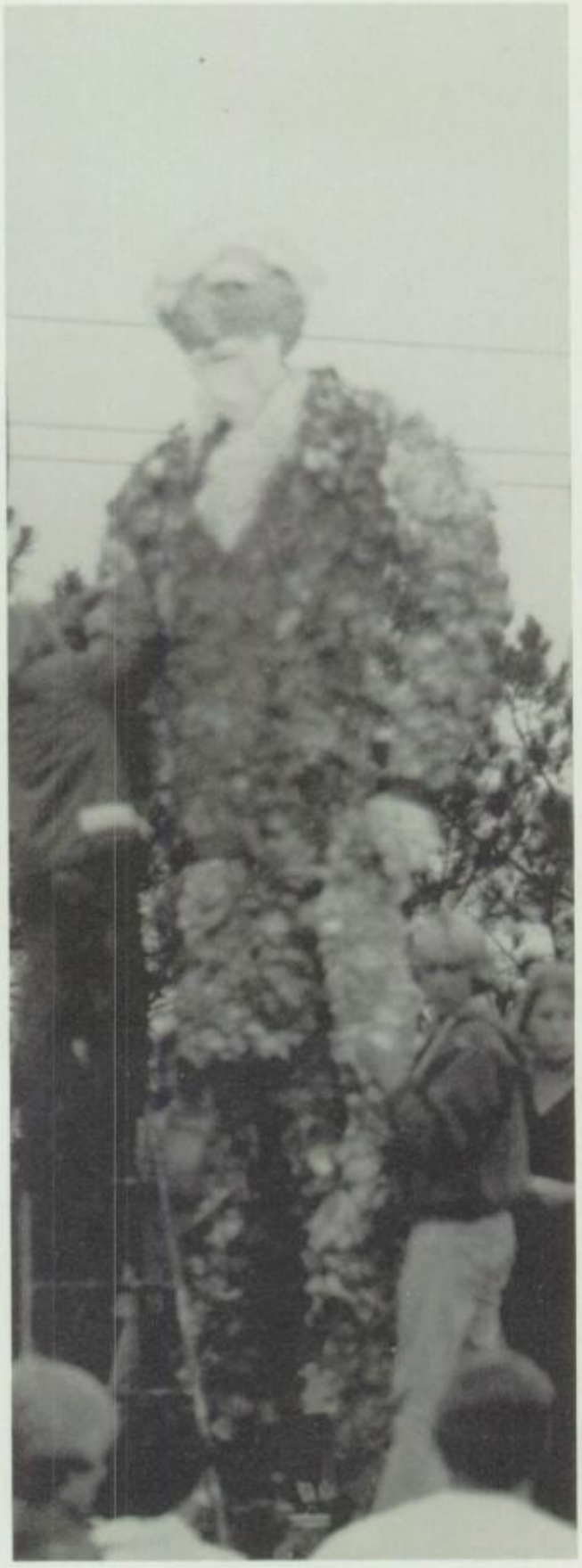
"Who has the chicken wire?"
"Did you bring the crepe paper?"
"My goodness, the player's head fell off!"

These quotations indicate the chaos characteristic of float building during Homecoming week. This year's winners were sophomores, first; seniors, second; freshmen, third.

The seventh graders built their float, "Behead the Rebels," at Michael Cumming's while the eighth grade worked on "Roast the Rebels" at Kirsta Ray's house. Building their float "Gong the Rebels" were the freshmen at Margaret Marshall's; Julie Ellington's barn housed the sophomore creation, "Deliver a Victory."

Controversary surrounded the junior float since the class used a discarded part from an NLU float. Tim Vines' house was the scene for the building of "Blow Up the Rebels." With the theme "Stop 'em," the senior class labored at Tracie Mayo's.

Place Float Honors For Sophomores



Opposite page — top: Liz Montgomery waits to be presented. Bottom left: Seniors put final touches on their float. Bottom right: Band, Sundance Kids, and Rangerettes practice for the special Homecoming program.
This page — top left: Sophomore float takes first place honors. Top right: Juniors complete their float "Blow up the Rebels."

Speech Students Present

The annual Speech Club Christmas play had a different "wring" to it this year — the presentation of a Gong Show which was patterned after Chuck Barris' NBC Gong Show.

Directed by Mrs. Donna Higdon, speech instructor, the program held in the gym marked the beginning of the Christmas holiday. Shrills, screams, and laughs sounded from the audience when such acts as the Unknown Comic, Santa's Raindance Deers, Dolly and Porter, and the Miracle Bag appeared.

With the comedy was the serious side of the Christmas season when the band played several selections followed by serious readings from Speech Club members.

This page — top left: The comedy team of Lea Thompson and Clare Durrett imitate Porter Wagoner and Dolly Pardon. Top right: Bradley Adair gongs one of the acts. Center left: M.C. Woody Ledbetter keeps the show going. Center right: Santa Claus, William Tosten, comes out on stage. Bottom right: Tracie Mayo plays the role of Mrs. Claus.
Opposite page — top left: The program from the annual Christmas show. Top right: Kyle Thrasher in charge of props is shown after the play. Center left: Tim Vines is Scrooge. Center right: The grinch Brooks Hamaker, the unknown comic Jimmy Dobbins, and Chuck Barris — Woody Ledbetter — all gather on stage. Bottom left: Leah Mayo does her act as Dreaming Drusilla. Bottom right: The commercial announcer is Donald Jones.

RO's Own Gong Show

PROGRAM
December 21, 1977

elcome ..... Jamie Fox
hristmas Music ..... River Oaks Band
Mr. Richard Hood, Director
hristmas Readings
"Santa and the Mouse"
by Emilie Paulson ..... Monisa Thompson
"A Real Santa Claus"
by Frank Dempster Sherman ..... Wendy Worthen
"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child Gently in a Manger"
by Joseph S. Cook ..... Paige Ledoux

A Christmas Gong Show

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Mrs. Claus ..... Tracie Mayo
esident Elf ..... Catherine Shemwell
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Production Staff

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Make-up ..... Lisa Illing
Costumes ..... Nancy Lary
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tage Crew ..... Speech I and II Students

pecial thanks to Mrs. D. Underwood for technical assistance, Mrs. Kathy Dent for art work, and to Mark Dallalio for uplicating the program.

Mothers' Untiring Efforts Make

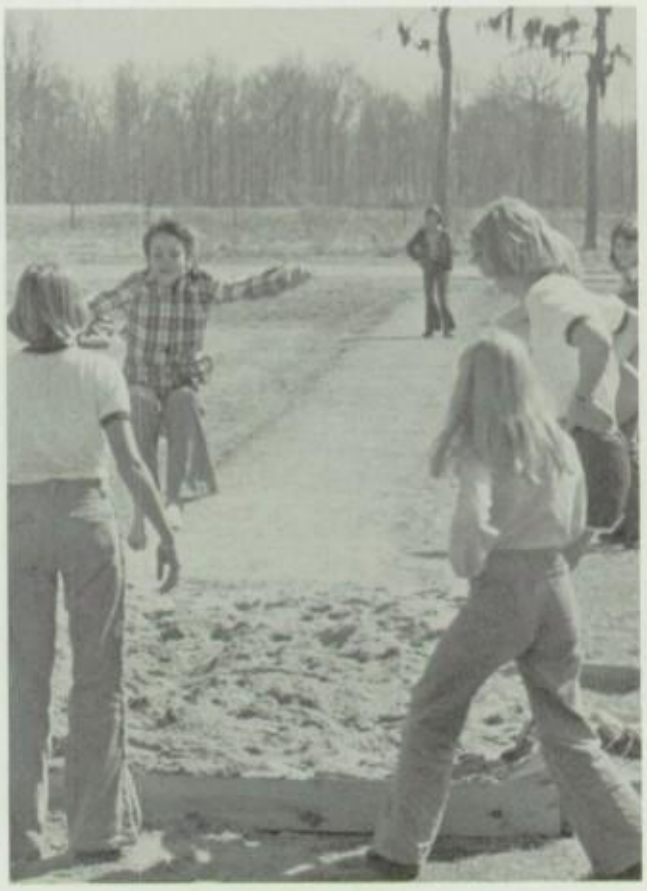
Corral Day '78 was a tremendous success thanks to the many RO mothers who coordinated the day's events. Throughout the day, home-baked breads, cakes, pies, cookies, and candies were sold. Hot dogs were served for lunch, and chicken spaghetti, for supper.

Featuring many craft items, including silk flowers, purses, necklaces, ceramics, and place mat sets, the traditional Country Store was popular with all ages. Raffles of an oil well share, a silk flower arrangement, a miniature doll house, and lawn furniture, and plants of all descriptions were sold in the cafetorium.

Elementary students enjoyed field events such as sack racing, 3-legged race, broad jump, wheel barrowing, and hurdling while high school students played ping pong and pinball. Games of the day included the cake walk, spook house, candle shoot, dart throw, and beanbag throw.

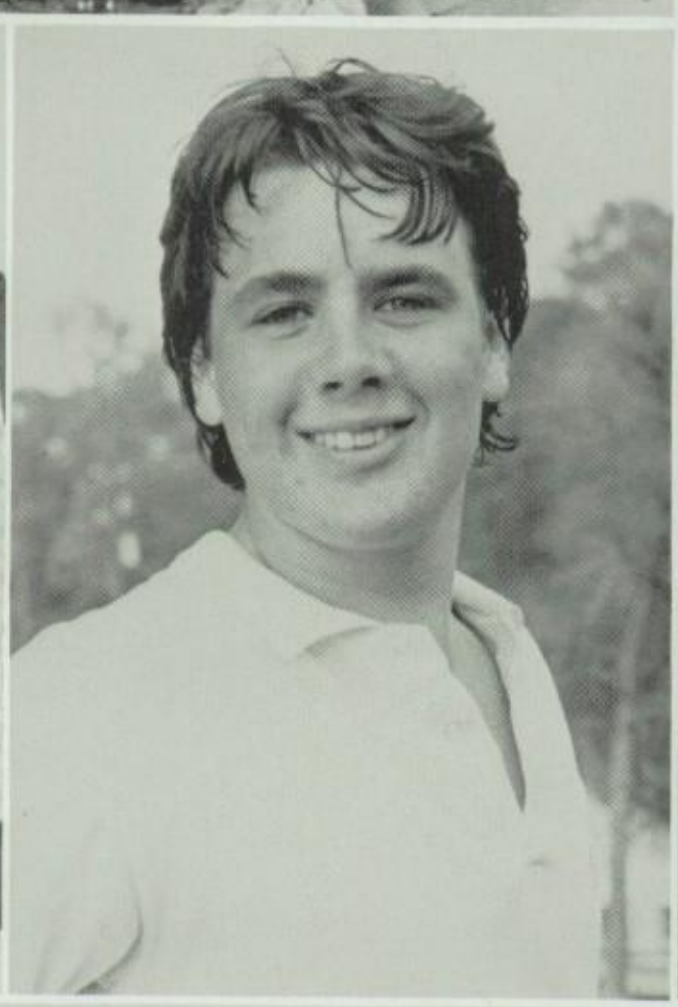
Mrs. Darryl Jenkins was the overall chairman. Other chairmen were Mrs. Robert Harrison, Mrs. Lester Martin, Mrs. George Smelser, Mrs. Elton Upshaw, Mrs. Jack Tom Jackson, Mrs. William Ledoux, Mrs. Donald Phillips, Mrs. Jones Coulton, Mrs. Noel Culpepper, Mrs. Penny Jones, Mrs. Dan Dupree, Mrs. Victor Mitchell, Mrs. James Lewis, Mrs. Charles Hamaker, Mrs. Larry Winters, Mrs. Richard Petrus, Mrs. John Lolley, Mrs. Aylmer Montgomery, Mrs. Don Sartor, Mrs. Mary Loflin, Mrs. Frank Spooner, Mrs. Dickie Crowe, Mrs. James Files, Mrs. Fred Sartor, Mrs. Ronnie Cupples.

Corral Day a Huge Success



Opposite page — top: Many people enjoy the country store on Corral Day. Center: Junior high students take advantage of the pinball machines in the gym. Bottom: Elementary students participate in the hurdling event.
This page — top left: The sack race is just beginning. Top right: Students crowd around to watch the broad jump. Center left: Teachers, students, and parents enjoy the hot dog lunch. Center right: Clint Durr shows one of the t-shirts sold in conjunction with Corral Day. Bottom: Hayride, anyone!

Spring Arrives as Students



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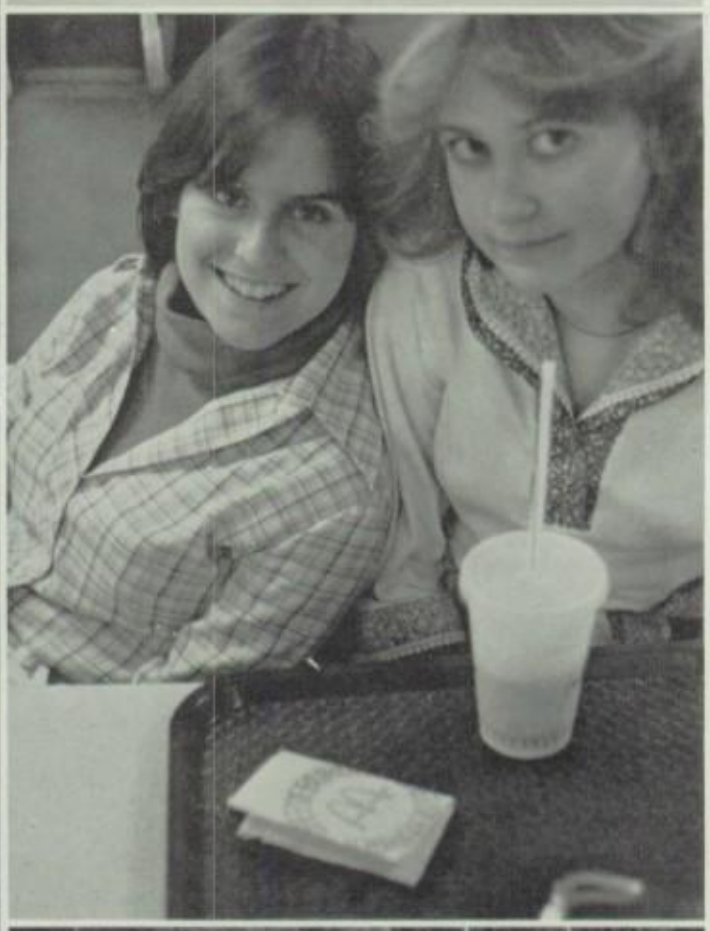
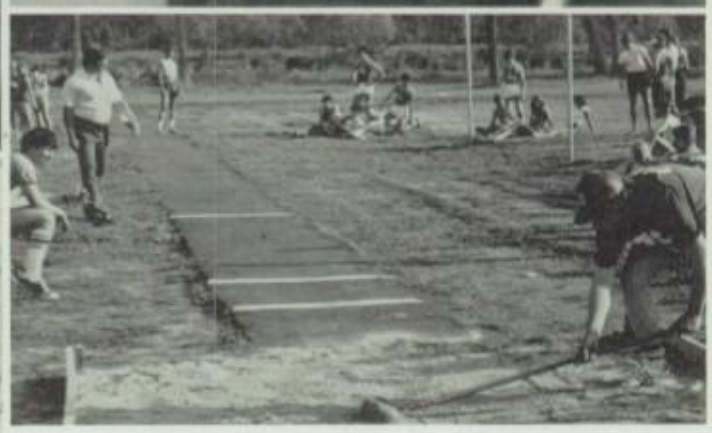




Opposite page — top left: Rene Ganaway, Tim Williams, Lea Thompson, and Catherine Shemwell take a break from eating crayfish. Top right: Kelly Hubenthal and Bradley Adair help decorate for the prom. Middle left: Elizabeth Sartor wins another match. Middle right: Donald Jones pauses after a warm-up. Bottom left: Skiing was popular on Bayou DeSiard in the spring. Bottom right: Eric Worthen seems disgusted over his last shot.
This page — top left: Brooks Hamaker, Ellen Cole, and Nancy Kelso eat at BCC after decorating for the prom. Top right: Randy Pipes sprints. Middle left: Sally Mintz and Leslie Files love McDonalds! Middle right: Tom Dansby readies for the game. Bottom left: Julie reflects as spring arrives. Bottom right: Kelly Hubenthal prepares for the long jump.

Athletes Honored at Spring Banquet

"Give 2% more of yourself each day," urged Larry Smith, Tulane University head coach and speaker at the All-Sports Banquet.

In football the MVP was Bradley Adair; best offensive player, Woody Ledbetter; best defensive player, Bobby Craighead; most improved player, Tim Vines; best lineman, Richard Crowe.

Players of the week in football were Jamie Fox, William Tosten, Bradley Adair, Richard Guerriero, Andy Davidson, Tim Williams, Bobby Craighead, Howard Weigand, Richard Crowe, and Tommy Russell, Richard Crowe and Woody Ledbetter were selected to the Twin-City Optimist team.

In boys' basketball the MVP and best offensive player was Mike Douglas; Tommy Clay, best free-throw percentage; and Edel Blanks, most improved player.

Lea Thompson captured the MVP in girls' basketball. The best offensive player was Missy Webb; best defense, Leighanne Geisler; most competitive, Julie Gates.

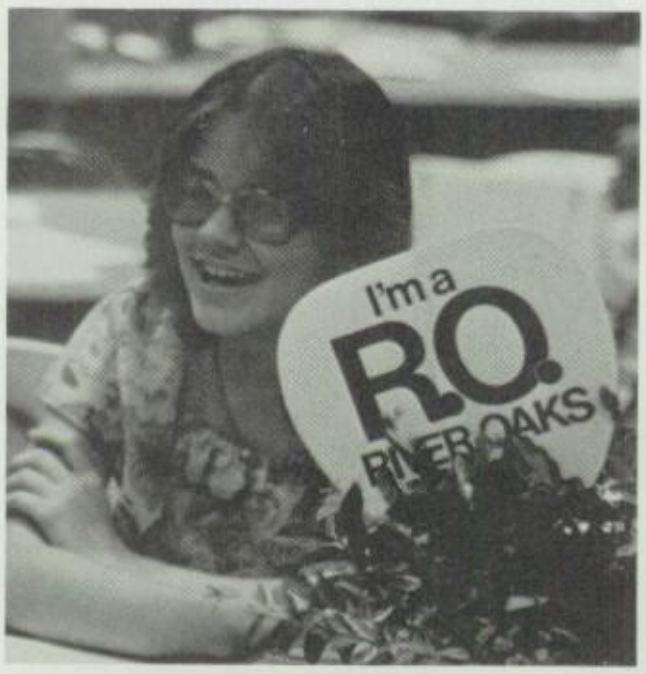
In boys' track the outstanding track performer was Woody Ledbetter; outstanding field performer, Bobby Craighead.

In girls' track the outstanding track performer was Missy Webb, and the outstanding field performer was Aimee Spence.

Ron Shemwell was named the MVP in golf.

Tom Clay acquired the MVP singles' tennis player award while Edel Blanks and Eric Worthen won the MVP doubles' title. For the girls Elizabeth Sartor won the MVP singles' title, and Wendy Worthen and Leighanne Geisler won the MVP doubles' award.

In baseball the MVP was Jimmy Dobbins. Leading hitter was Mike Douglas and most improved, Lee Jenkins. Mr. McMakin, athletic director, presented scholastic awards to Kay Loflin and Andy Davidson.



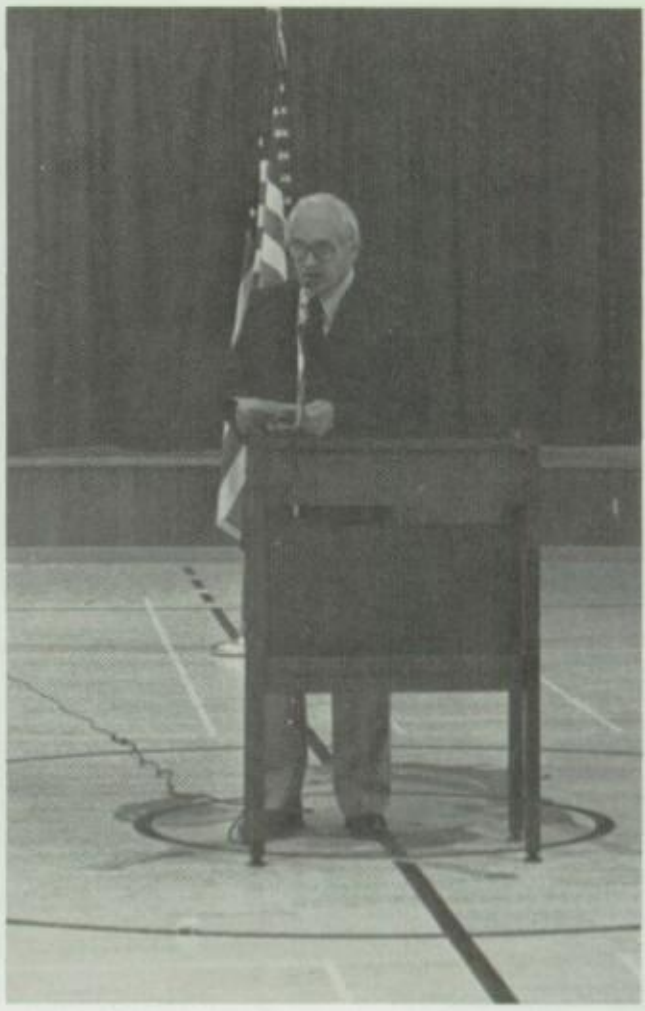
Top right: Mr. Larry Smith addresses the crowd. Middle left: Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMakin enjoy the banquet. Middle right: Kelly Hubenthal rises to receive his award. Bottom left: Joan Boyles smiles at her father's comments.

Williams Unopposed in SC Elections

Elected as Student Council president for 1978–79 on an unopposed ballot was junior Tim Williams. The student body also voted for vice-president and secretary-treasurer on April 14. Mark Dallalio and William Tosten were the officers chosen for the two positions respectively. On April 12 each candidate, after being nominated by a fellow student, gave an election speech in which he outlined his intentions if elected.

Running against Mark was Lea Thompson; William's opponent was Ellen Cole.

Top: New SC officers smile after an intense election campaign; William Tosten, Tim Williams, Mark Dallalio. Bottom left: Posing for a snapshot is President Tim Williams. Bottom right: Jamie Fox gives a nominating speech for Ellen Cole.



Top left: Winners on Award's Day were 1st row: Lea Thompson, Monisa Thompson, Mickey Masur, Andy Davidson, Clare Durret. 2nd row: Ford Williams, Grayson Zeagler, Bob Bell, Brad Armintor, Richard Guerriero. Top right: Mr. McMakin presents Honor Society members with certificates. Center left: Junior high award winners were 1st row: Krista Ray, Mauri Walker, Tonya Sallee, Sarah Martin, Ginger Hubenthal. 2nd row: Joey Cleveland, Jon Bradford, Nancy King, Kevin Adams. Center right: Mrs. Donna Higdon presents speech award to Wendy Worthen. Bottom: Rally participants receive certificates.

Students Receive Awards in Special Program

After being installed as the new udent Council president, Tim Wilams conducted the seventh annual onors Day Assembly.

Receiving civic organization wards were Richard Guerriero, outh Central Bell Science Award; Ionisa Thompson, DAR Good Citien Award; Mickey Masur, DAR merican History Award; Andy Dadson, Richard Guerriero, Joy Mill-, Dawn Rivers, Monisa Thompson, Vendy Worthen, Jaycee Jaynes Outanding Youth Recognition; Andy avidson, Mickey Masur, Louisiana ech Rally Award.

Honor Students of 1978 included hirley Kusin, Honor; Allyson Ray, onorable Mention-7th Grade; Cara ates, Honor; Karen Smith, Honorale Mention-8th Grade; Norman agwell, Honor; Alison Choate and eth Stewart Honorabel Mentionth; Ann Files and Penny Masur, onor-10th Grade; Mickey Masur, onor; Gerald Gates, Honorable Iention-11th Grade.

Activity Awards were presented to Ionisa Thompson, Lisa Beason, Jimy Dobbins, Angela McMillon, Rod ascio, Tracie Mayo, Clare Durrett, nd Lea Thompson for publication ervice. Monisa Thompson named ea Thompson editor for 1978–79 nd Clare Durrett as assistant editor.

Key Club awards were given to ichard Guerriero, Bob Bell, Brad Arintor, and Ford Williams for their utstanding service in the club.

Grayson Zeagler was presented to he John P. Sousa Award while Art nd Photography Awards went to lare Durrett and Lea Thompson.

Winning first place at the N.L.U. egional Science Fair in the Biology ategory was Clare Durrett.

Placing in the LISA Forensic Tourament were Kyle Threasher — Standard Oratory, Semi-Finals, Excellent; Vendy Worthen — Poetry Reading, xcellent; Monisa Thompson — Humorous Interpretation, Excellent; Janie Fox — After-dinner Speaking, 'ery Good; and Tim Vines — Original Oratory, Very Good.

Students placing in the Louisiana ndependent School Association Literary Rally were Bill Adams — Trigometry; Brad Armintor — Literature II; Norman Bagwell — Algebra I; Edel Blanks — American History; Chemistry; Scott Bradford — General Science; Alison Choate — Literature I; French I, 1st Region, 1st State; Mark Dallalio — Typewriting II; Tom Dansby — Biology; Andy Davidson — Trigonometry, 3rd Region, 3rd State; Physics, 3rd Region; Danelle Dupree — Literature II, 2nd Region, 3rd State; Elizabeth Edwards — English I Grammar; Julie Ellington — Spanish I, 2nd Region; Ann Files — Biology; English II Grammar, 1st Region, 3rd State; Cindy Fomby — Geometry; Gerald Gates — Chemistry, 1st Region, 2nd State; Gil Guerriero — Spanish I; Richard Guerriero — Advanced Math, 1st Region, 2nd State; Physics, 2nd Region, 3rd State; Kathy Hereford — Civics; Kerry Kilpatrick — English III Grammar; Walter Ligon — Geometry, 1st Region, 2nd State; Kay Loflin — Spelling 12; Mickey Masur — Literature III, American History; 2nd Region; Penny Masur — World History, 1st Region, 2nd State; English II Grammar; Angela McMillon — Bookkeeping, 2nd Region; English IV Grammar; Mac Oakley — Advanced Math, 3rd Region, Dawn Rivers — Literature IV; Spelling 12; Beverly Sloan — Typewriting I; Shorthand I; Ansel Smith — French II, 2nd Region, 2nd State; World History; David Smith — Literature III; Beth Stewart — Civics; Literature I; Monisa Thompson — Literature IV; Shorthand I, 2nd Region, 2nd State; Pete Trinca — French I, 2nd Region, 2nd State; English I Grammar, 3rd Region; Andrea Weaks — Typewriting I, 3rd Region; Missy Webb — French II, 1st Region, 1st State; Kelly White — General Science; Algebra I; Ford Williams — Algebra II, 3rd Region; Bobbie Wyatt — Bookkeeping I, 1st Region, 3rd State.

District Literary Rally participants were Norman Bagwell — Algebra I; Lisa Beason — English IV 3rd; Scott Bradford — General Science; Alison Choate — French I, 1st; Mark Dallalio — Typewriting II; Tom Dansby — Biology; Andy Davidson — Advanced Math, 1st Trigonometry, 2nd; Dannelle Dupree — Spanish II, 1st Elizabeth Edwards — Spelling 9; Julie Ellington — Spanish I, 2nd; Ann Files — English II; Gerald Gates Chemistry, 1st; Ceci Grant — Senior Arithmetic; Richard Guerriero — Physics, 1st, Government, 1st; Kathy Herford — Civics; Kerry Kilpatrick — Spelling 11; Walter Ligon — Geometry, 2nd; Mickey Masur — American History, 1st; Penny Masur — General History, 1st; Angela McMillion — Bookkeeping I, 3rd; Mignon Morse — General Math; Fred Petty Spelling 10; Dawn Rivers — Spelling 12; David Smith — English III, Spanish III, 2nd; Vernon Stevenson — French III, 2nd; Beth Stewart — English I; Monisa Thompson — English Literature IV, 3rd; Shorthand I, 5th; Andrea Weaks — Typewriting I, 4th; Missy Webb — French II, 1st; Ford Williams — Algebra II, 2nd.

Those participating in the State Literary Rally at L.S.U. were Lisa Beason — English IV; Alison Choate — French I, 4th; Andy Davidson — Advanced Math, 5th; Trigonometry; Danelle Dupree — Spanish II; Ann Files — English II; Gerald Gates — Chemistry; Richard Guerriero — Physics; Government, 1st; Walter Ligon — Geometry, 1st; Mickey Masur — American History, 3rd; Penny Masur — General History, 2nd; Angela McMillon — Bookkeeping I; Andrea Weaks — Typewriting I; Missy Webb — French II, 1st; Ford Williams — Algebra II.

Senior honorary charter members of the National Honor Society included Lisa Beason, Stephen Brown, Rod Cascio, Andrew Davidson, James Dobbins, Richard Guerriero, Kay Loflin, Tracie Mayo, Leslie McCants, Angela McMillon, Joy Miller, Mac Oakley, Dawn Rivers, and Monisa Thompson. Incoming members of 1978–79 were Jim Bell, Edel Blanks, Ellen Cole, Mark Dallalio, Betsy Ellis, Gerald Gates, Kathy Hereford, Nancy Kelso, Kerry Kilpatrick, Woody Ledbetter, Mickey Masur, Blanche Mattison, Leah Mayo, Liz Montgomery, Catherine Shemwell, Beverly Sloan, David Smith, Vernon Stevenson, Lea Thompson, Tim Vines, Lisa Webster, Ford Williams, and Bobbie Wyatt.

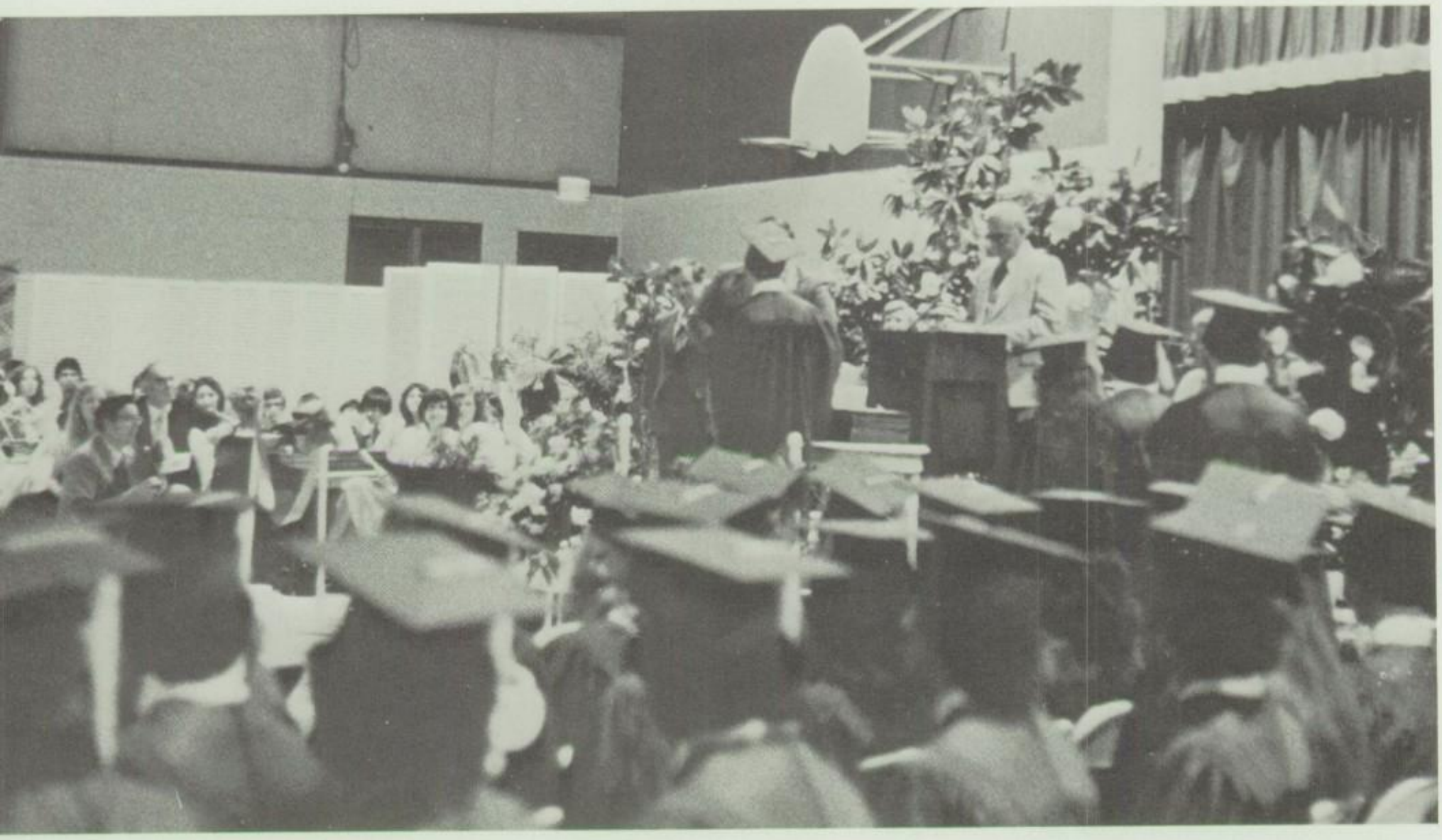
Dr. Traylor Speaks at Baccalaureate

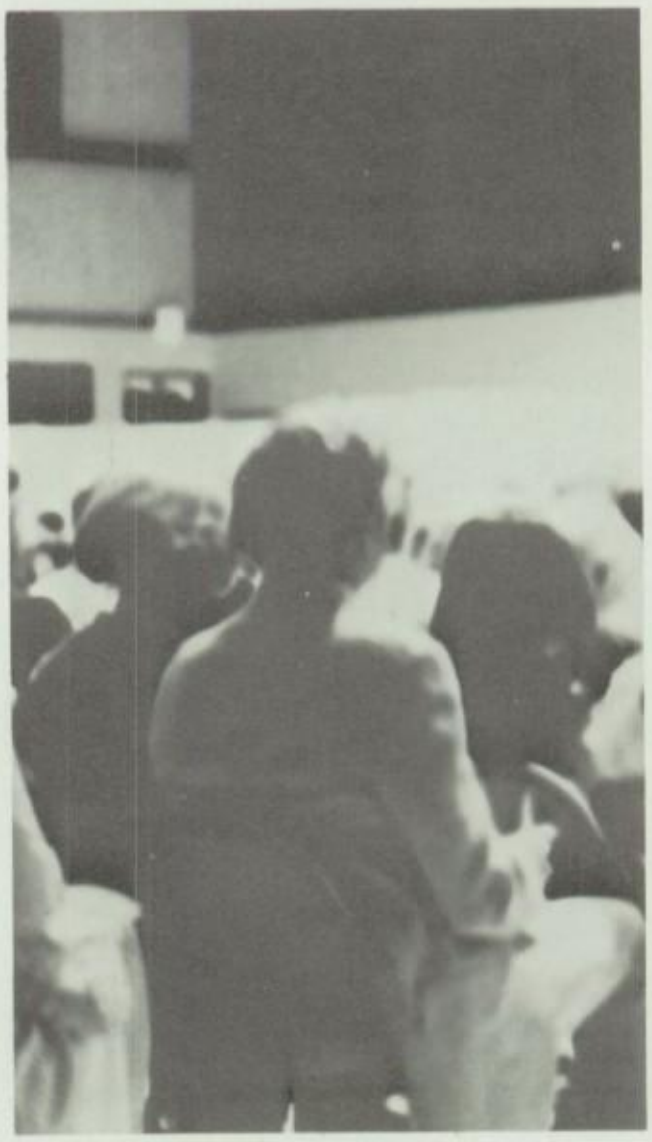
Baccalaureate service was held on May 14 in the River Oaks gymnasium, decorated with white lattice work, columns, and magnolias, to honor the 1978 Seniors, who walked down a blue-carpeted aisle to "War March of the Priests." Followed by a piano solo, the invocation was given by the Reverend Paul F. Gray, minister of the Grace Episcopal church.

In the address delivered by Dr. John Traylor of the First Baptist Church, the pastor challenged the graduates and also those present to maintain always a fit mind, body, and spirit. After the closing benediction by the Reverend Gray, the Seniors, dressed in blue caps and gowns, left their alma mater for the last time before graduation ceremonies.

This page — top right: Dr. Traylor address seniors at Baccalaureate. Middle left: Monisa Thompson enters for the Sunday afternoon service. Middle right: Bernard McKenzie solemnly leaves the gym. Bottom: Lan Craft smiles as the service ends.
Opposite page — top: Mr. McMakin calls names as graduates receive diplomas. Bottom left: Graduates listen as awards are presented. Bottom right: Parents are proud of their graduates.

While Dr. Webb Addresses Graduates





Monisa Thompson, Joy Miller Present

"Discover your life's plan and then do your best," urged Dr. Donald Webb, president of Centenary College during graduation ceremonies. As thirty-seven graduates reflected about their days at River Oaks School, parents beamed with pride.

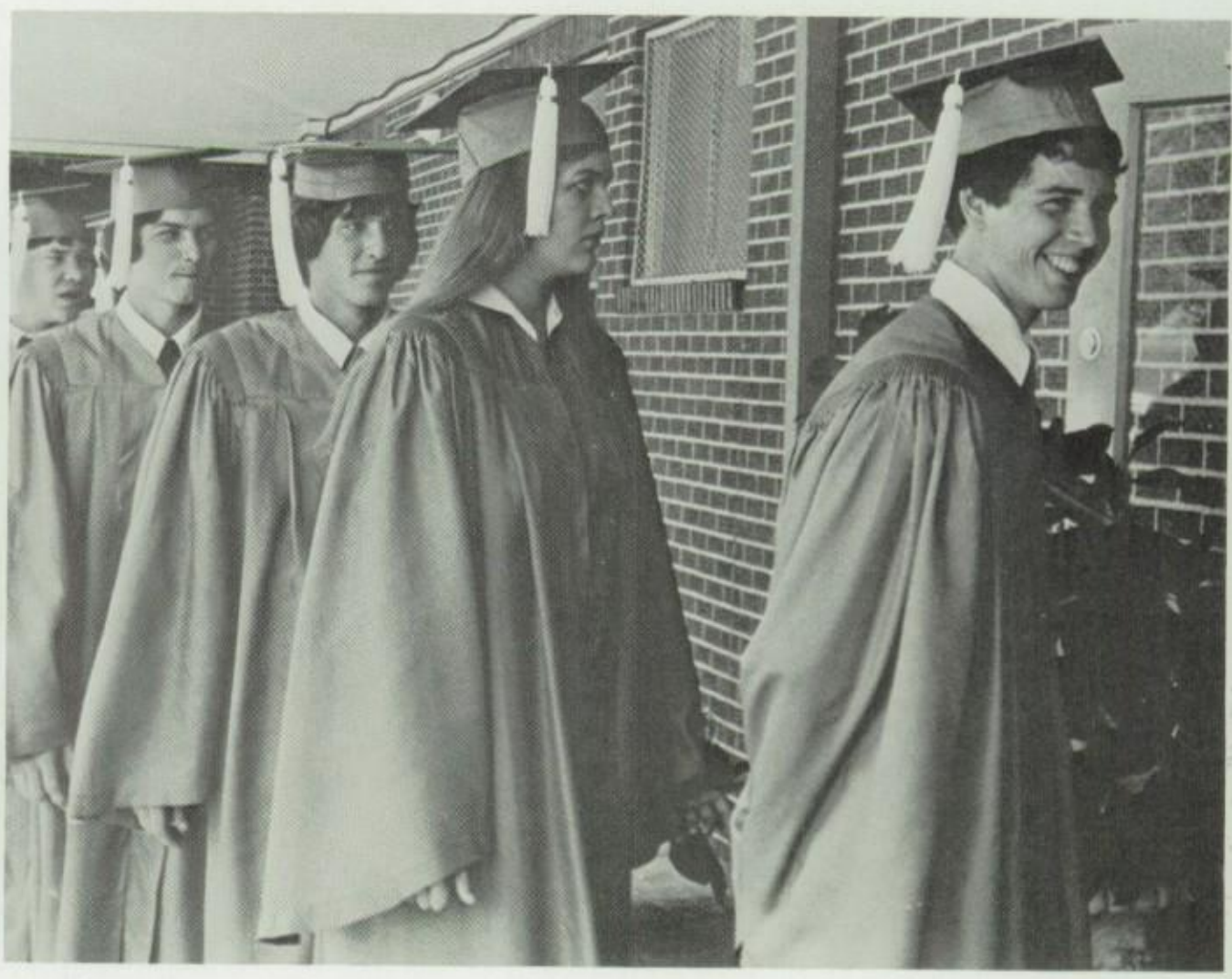
After Andy Davidson led the pledge of allegiance, Stephen Brown presented the invocation followed the valedictory by Monisa Thompson and the salutatory by Joy Miller. During the ceremony in the gymnasium, the River Oaks Orchestra, directed by Mr. Richard Hood and Mr. Joe Cleveland, provided musical selections.

Awards given included the American Legion Award, Monisa Thompson and Richard Guerriero; the Scottish Rites Masonry Award, Jamie Fox; the E.N. Jackson Memorial Math Award, Andy Davidson; and the Walter Joseph Pierron, Sr., Science Award and Senior History Award, Richard Guerriero.

Guidance Counselor Audrey Boggs recognized seniors who received scholarships: NLU Symphonic Band, Joy Miller; NLU Alumni Foundation Scholarship, Monisa Thompson NLU Music Scholarship, Grayson Zeagler; La Tech Literary Award, Andy Davidson; and LSU Literary Award, Richard Guerriero.

As Mr. Joe McMakin called their names Board President William Buller gave the graduates their diplomas. Afterwards, Richard Guerriero, class president, presented the school the senior gift.

Ushers for the ceremony were Jim Bell, Ede Blanks, Mark Dallalio, David Smith, William Tosten, and Tim Williams.



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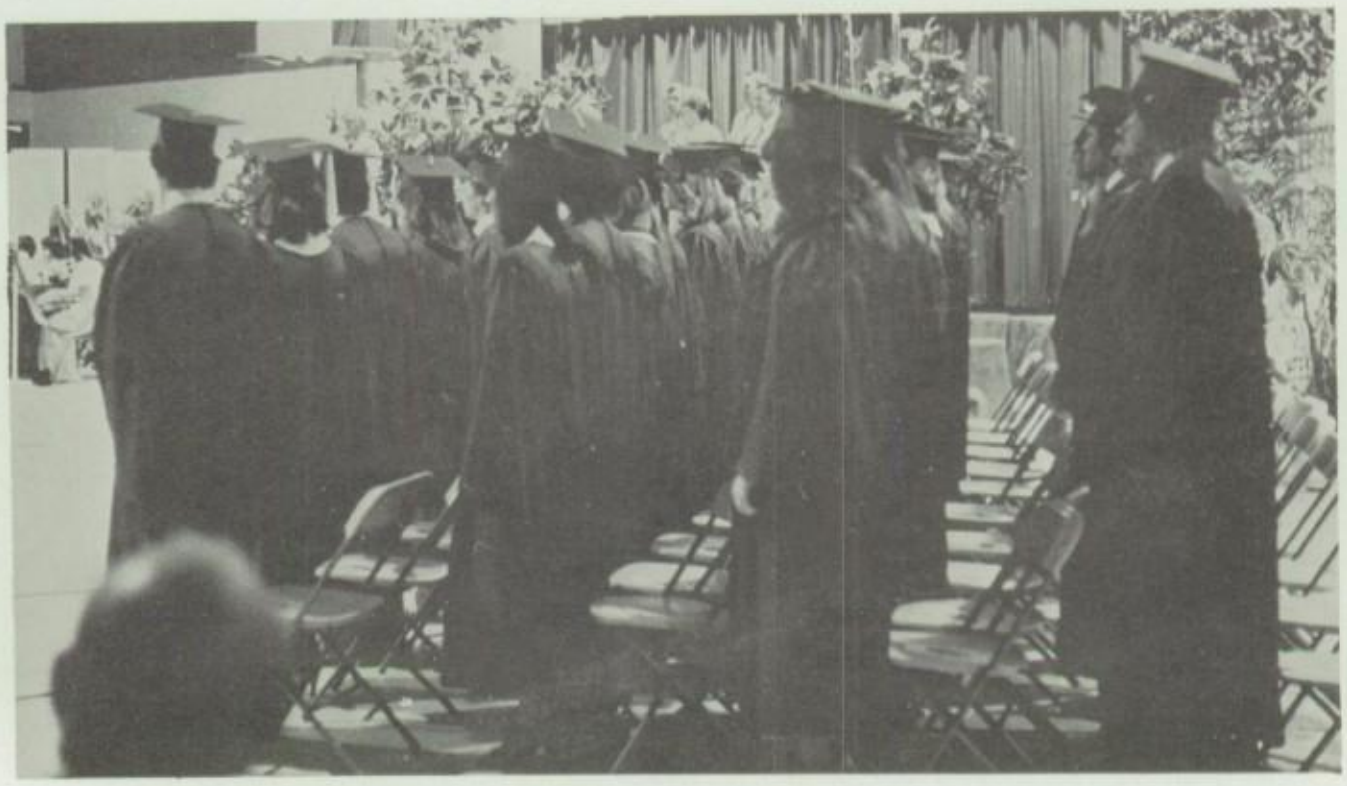

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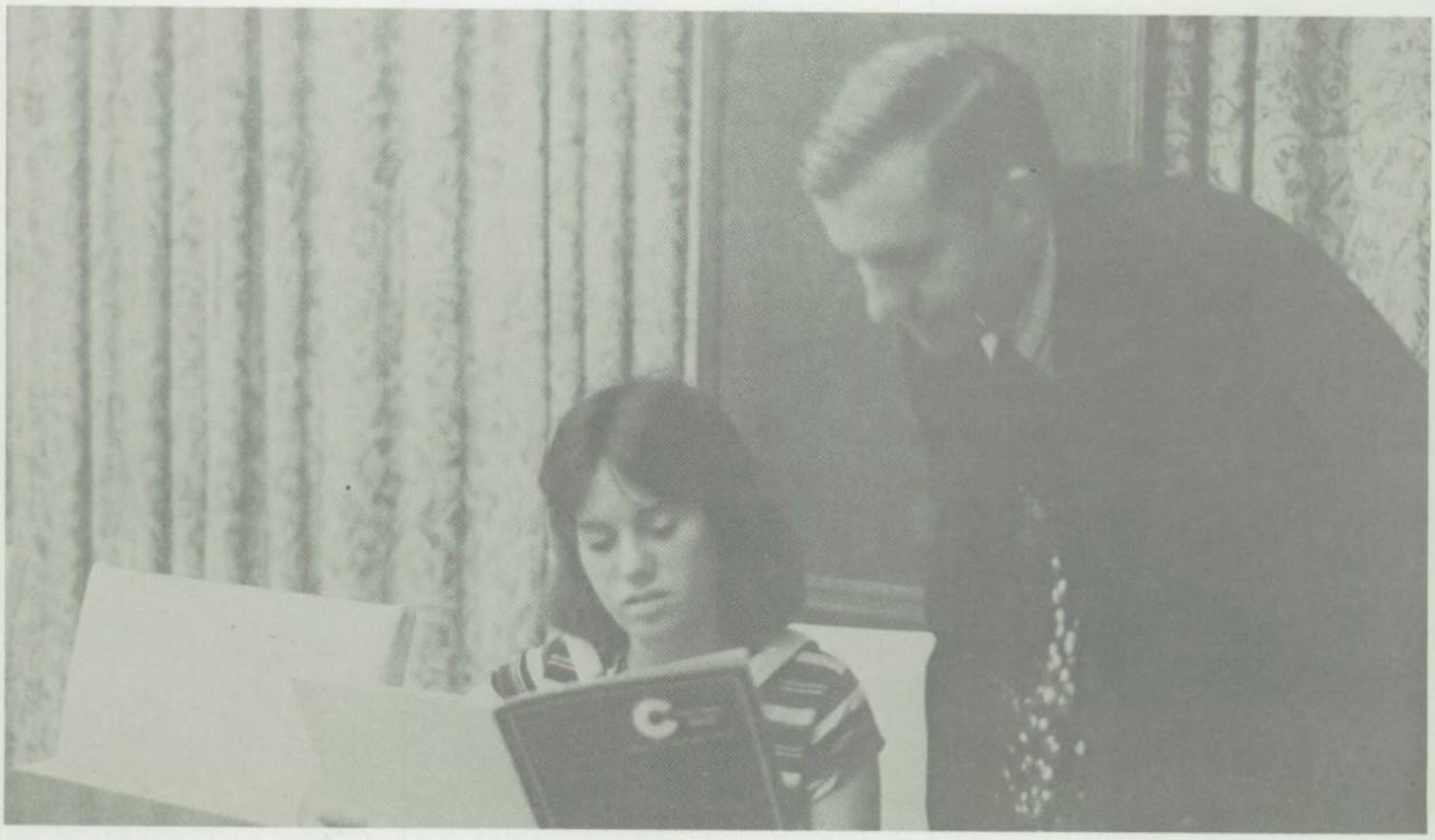

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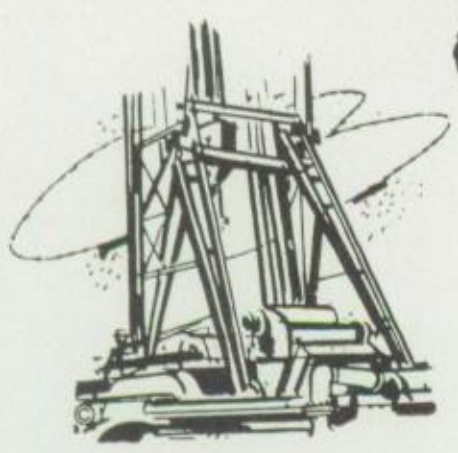

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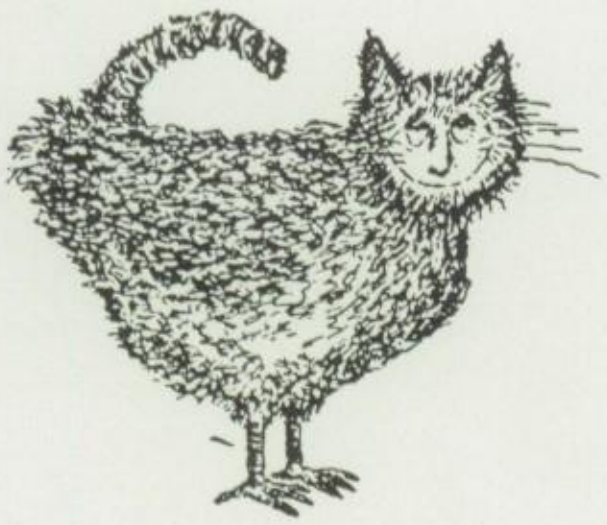

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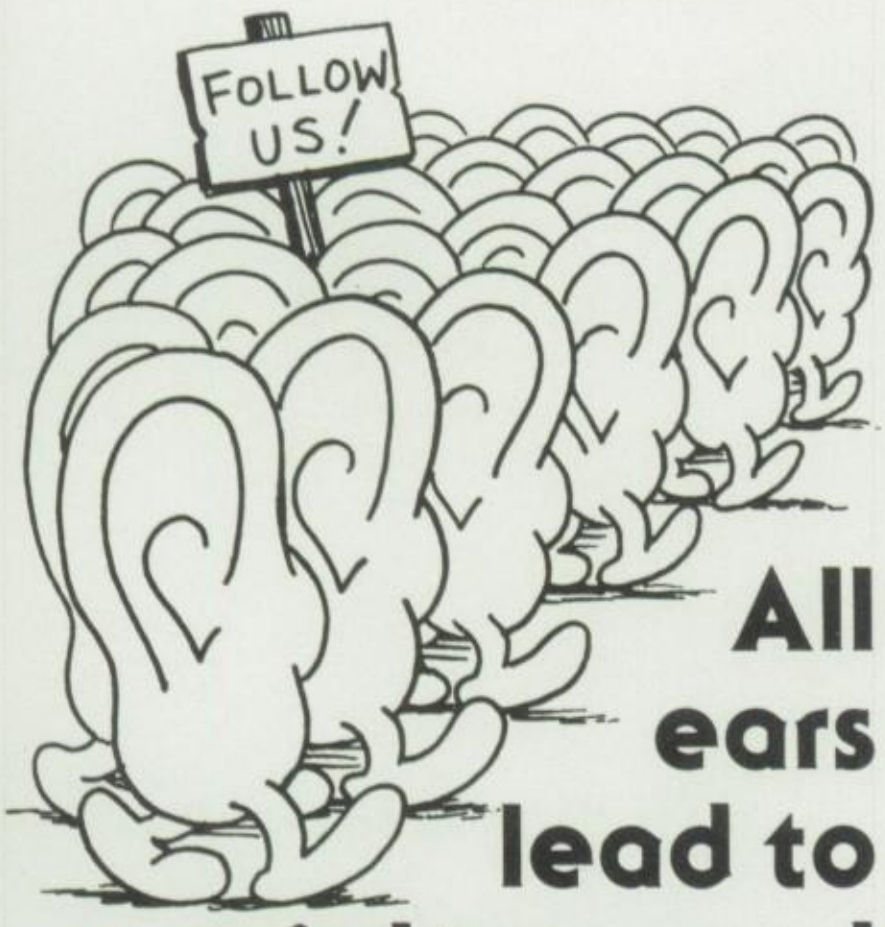

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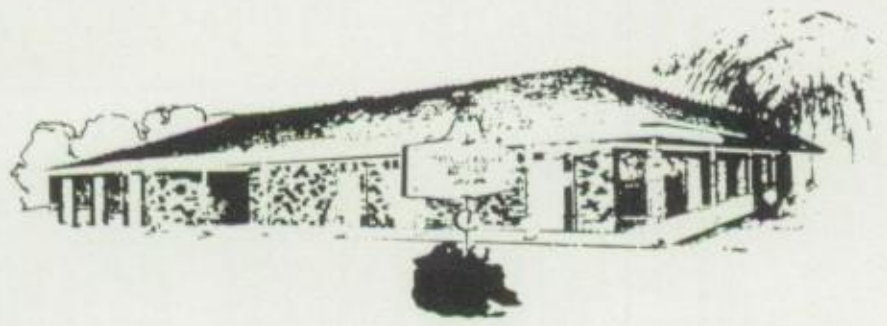

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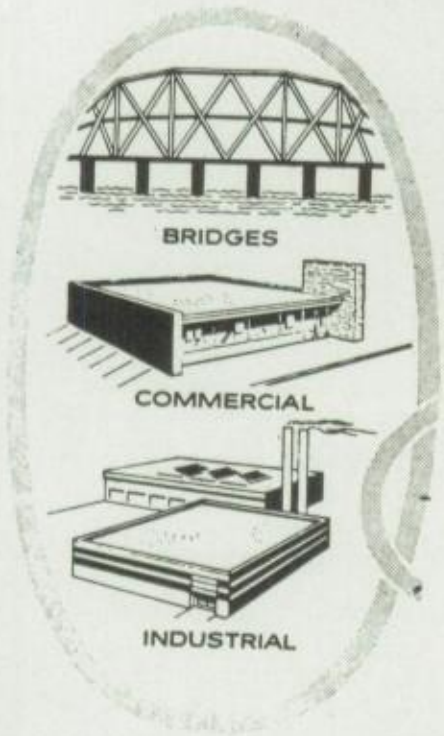

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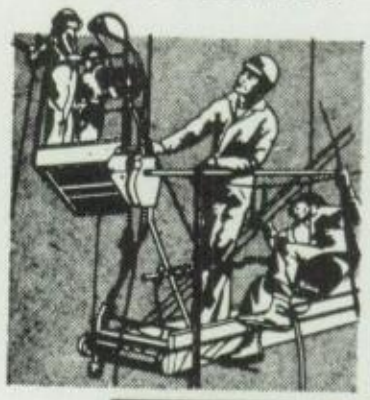

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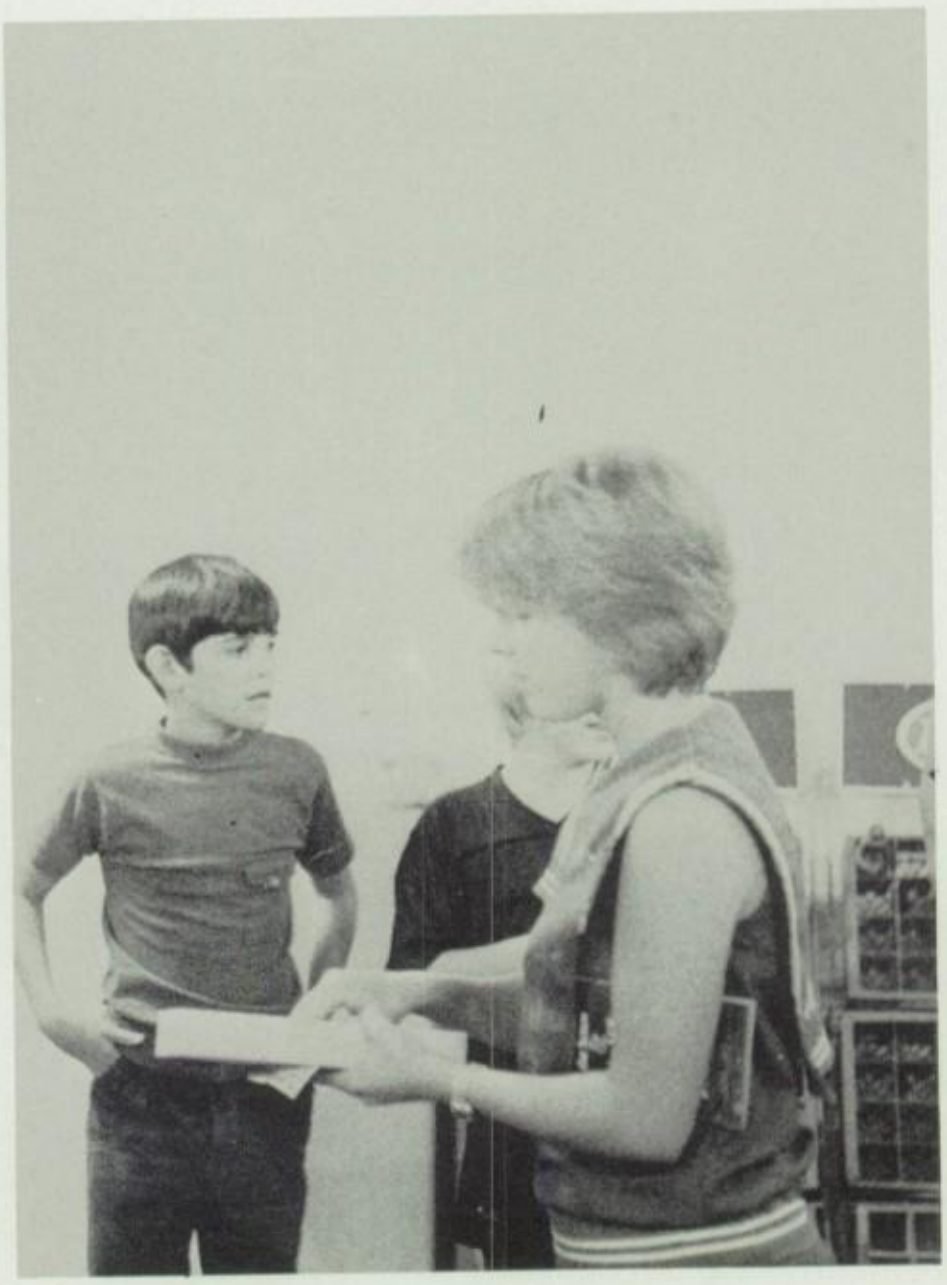

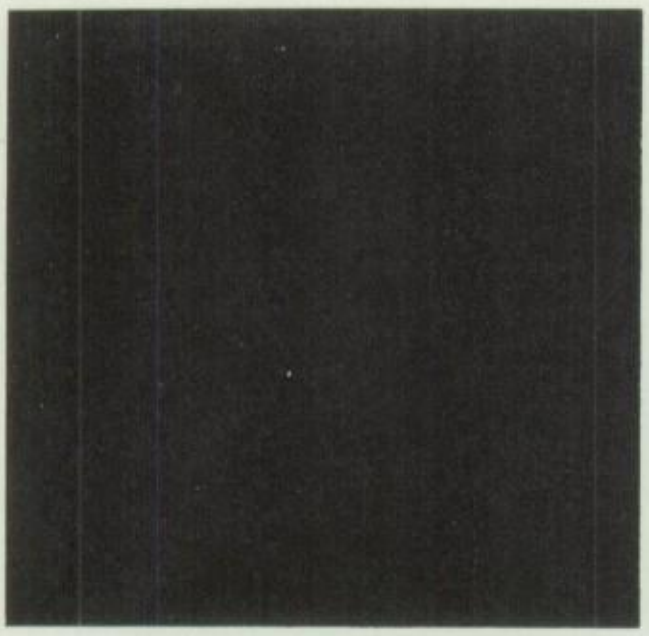

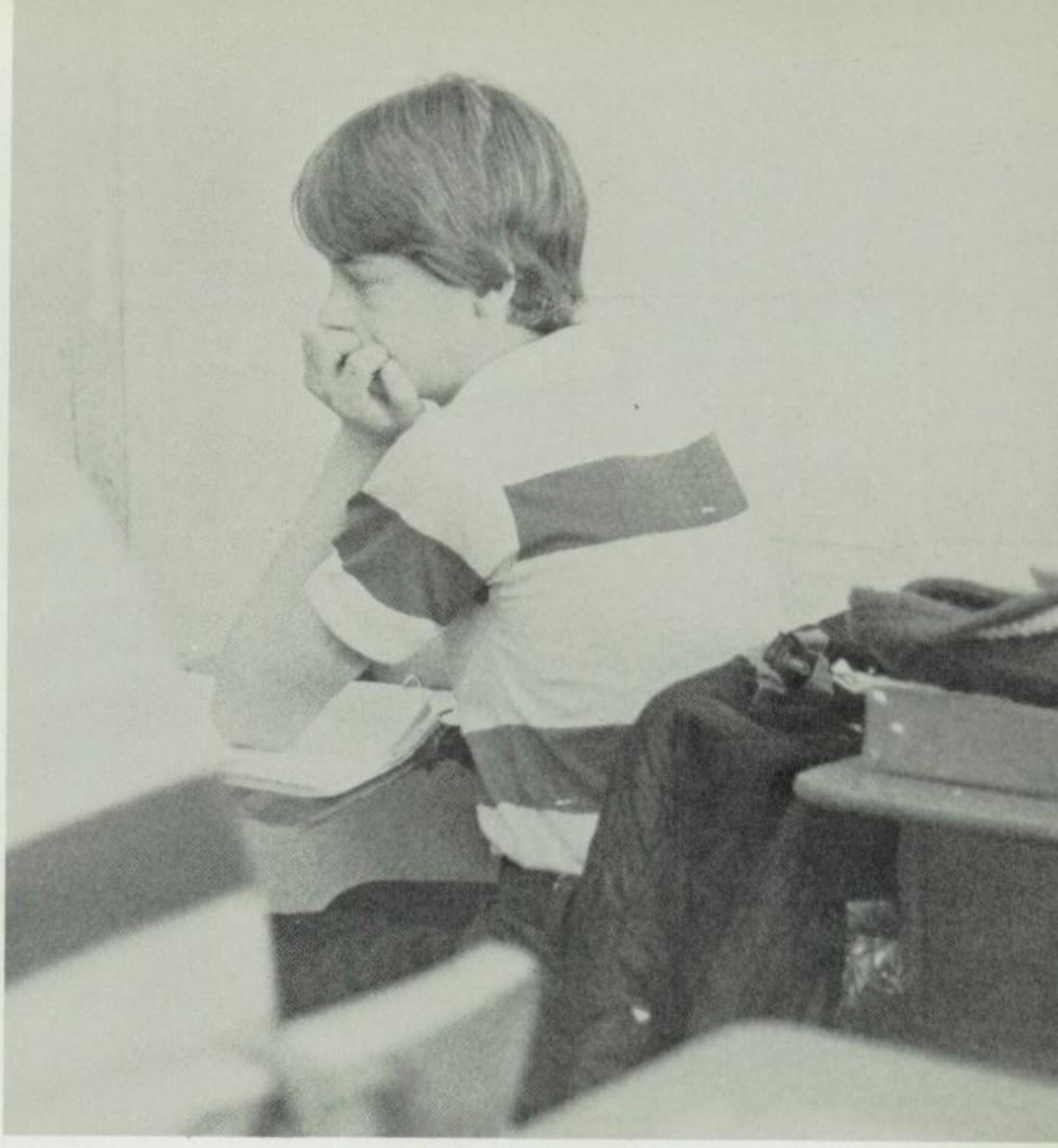

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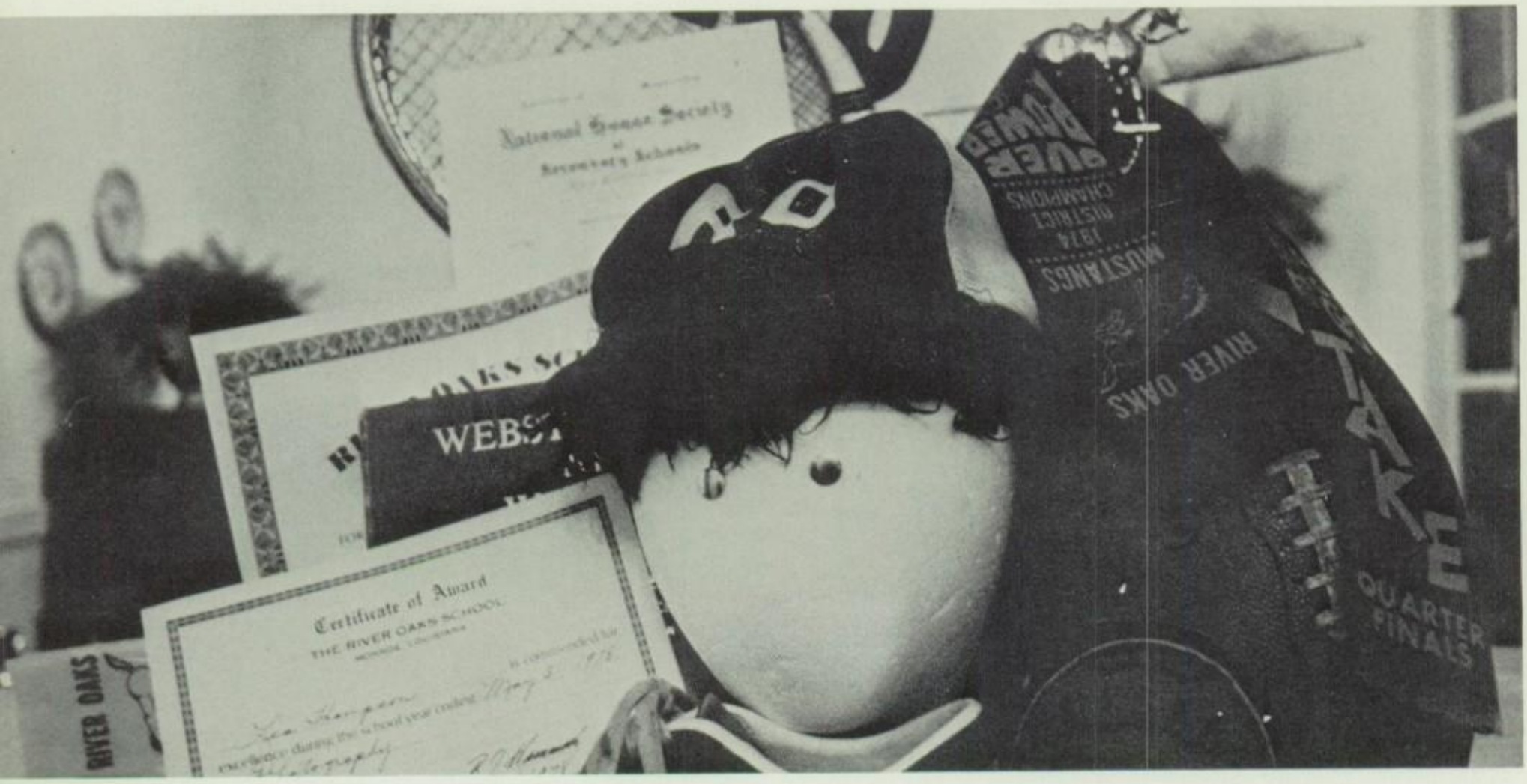

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